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## Editorial

### EVERYONE SHOULD BE INTERESTED, ALL ARE INVOLVED

Strange machines haunt our skies, they are not made on earth, their flight capabilities far out-match the best earthman's ingenuity has yet created. Official investigations into the numerous inexplicable appearances of these strange "unknowns" have most positively established that these objects do exist, are solid bodies, showing all the signs of intelligent control and direction. Most important of all official findings is that these "unknowns" are not of earthly construction.

Compiled from previously "Top Secret" data of the U.S. National Security Council, involving many of the actual expert witnesses and the Service personnel entrusted with official "saucer" investigations, an extraordinary movie film has been made.

First released by United Artists in April, 1956, and now currently screening in many countries, inclusive of our own, this film, "UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS," is a must see for everyone. Running for 1½ hours this factual, sobering documentary film should most convincingly demonstrate the actuality and reality of the dauntless "U.F.O." and for all time wipe the sneers from the faces of the most persistent unbelievers. Although this film certainly has its dramatic moments, sensationalism has no place in its footage. Only the true facts, as the actual incidents unfolded before startled witnesses, have been re-enacted and presented to the public in this remarkable movie. If you have any interest in your own future, let alone your world, don't miss this film. (N.Z. itinerary elsewhere in this magazine.)

Although those civilian investigators, equally interested in accrediting only "U.F.O." findings gleaned from worthy sources, may consider this film mild in comparison with what

could be shown with matching authenticity, nevertheless, they will agree officialdom has gone a long way (at last) towards making the truth of these matters known to the public at large. Having demonstrated in a professional, scientific and effective manner that there are indeed strangers in our skies, it seems difficult to conceive that the authorities involved will ever again contrive to reverse their present findings. But whilst the controversy was confined to words, they did so many times.

Civilian researchers had maintained for a long time that there was a most overwhelming case for the "saucers"; it is grand indeed to know your reasoning, your interpretations and spoken convictions have been right, in so far as official spokesmen have committed themselves.

Included in the footage of "U.F.O." are two colour films taken in daylight. Although these films were taken years apart in areas separated by hundreds of miles, the appearances of the glowing white objects in both these movies are identical. Nick Mariana, who took the Montana film and W. O. Newhouse, who filmed the "Utah Saucers" (40ft.), express their personal disappointments in the films. Naked eye observation, they said, revealed the objects in clear outline, silvery in colour, "like two saucers clamped together, in shape." (Like a discus.—Ed.)

To those good people who have no doubts in the reality of flying saucers and can accept entirely the claims of persons who have claimed "contacts" with spacemen, the documentary film may be somewhat disappointing. And whilst I am on the subject of "saucermen contacts" I wish to issue a most strong word of caution and I hope good wisdom to all those who have accepted the realness of saucers and the out-of-this-world solution.

There is an ever increasing number of books (mostly soft cover editions) by authors (mostly Americans) all claiming personal contacts with spacemen via one means or another. There is very little doubt in my mind that some of this stuff, maybe most of it, is the work of opportunists, fakers, and the mentally sick. Such rubbish and drivel makes the work of the honest researcher or seeker after the true facts immensely more difficult. So be careful in reaching firm conclusions and acceptances when dealing with these spacemen claims.

The claims of one or more of these authors may eventually be confirmed officially, and the possibility must not be ruled out, but until such takes place, or it happens to you, you owe it to yourselves and others who may seek guidance from you, to be extremely careful.

The incidences of major "U.F.O." sighting patterns, bridging the period when Earth and Mars are very close every 26 months, has not so far on this recent occasion, lived up to expectations. There were, however, numerous observations, some of extraordinary duration, during the period of the close approach—July, August, September and October—in widely separated areas around the globe. Sightings continue at a fast rate in some areas. It was expected that incidents of "landings" and other equally arresting reports would occur in this period, but to date, as far as I know, no such news has come to hand. There are still three months (as I prepare this editorial in early December) in which the extraordinary could come. You will recall that our New Zealand and South Pacific wide special study "PROJECT SKYWATCH" spans the period August, 1956-February, 1957.

The greater number of the New Zealand sightings reported during July-October were confined to the central North Island areas, and they still are. Many of these recent reports from private and press sources have been reproduced in this issue in full. The objective and reason for doing so, is to afford you the opportunity to study, analyse and compare for yourself. That it should be suggested that so many people could still be making careless errors of observation, suffering from hallucinations or working in collusion, is just illogical reasoning and not consistent with commonsense. Otherwise the evidence speaks for itself. Whosoever controls the "strangers" above is apparently interested in every facet of terrestrial and Earthman's affairs. Meanwhile I share your thirst for the correct answers to Who, Why, and Wherefrom come these strangers.

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THE PRESIDENT AND COMMITTEE OF C.S.I.  
WISH ALL MEMBERS AND READERS A MOST JOYOUS XMAS AND A PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR. THE SAME THOUGHTS GO OUT TO ALL OUR OVERSEAS ASSOCIATES AND KINDRED ORGANIZATIONS.

#### NEW ZEALAND AND OVERSEAS ASSOCIATES

We wish to thank you all most sincerely for your generous remarks about C.S.I.'s magazine. We are trying hard to improve as we progress. Illustrations will come later as finance permits. Your encouragement and assistance is greatly appreciated.

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# About Ourselves . . .

CIVILIAN SAUCER INVESTIGATION, a non-profit organization, makes a continued research and investigation of "Unidentified Flying Objects and Correlated Happenings." Membership is invited (£1 per annum). Regular monthly meetings and other relevant activities are in progress. Full Library facilities.

Leading Civilian Researchers, world wide, who have deeply probed the riddle of the "Unidentified Flying Objects," agree unanimously that there is an overwhelming case for the appearance in our skies of real physical devices (space going vehicles), controlled by apparent superior intelligences, operating from sources as yet alien to our world. Such visitations are continuous and periodically on the increase, and must lead to extraordinary changes in the basic concepts of human beliefs, practice, enlightenments, and scientific and technological attainments. Join our organization and keep abreast of these para-normal events. Our beliefs and suspicions are based on cold hard facts, as established by the most qualified of sources. Only prejudice in some quarters and the unprecedented nature of these happenings prevent the leaders of the world's greater nations granting official recognition of these facts. One thing is deadly certain. Sooner or later the authorities must admit of this and communicate the news, with, we hope, great wisdom to the peoples of our world.

## CIVILIAN SAUCER INVESTIGATION (N.Z.) P.O. BOX 72, ONEHUNGA, S.E.5.

### BRIEF REPORT ON YEAR'S PROGRESS AND ACTIVITIES

At the last General Meeting for 1956 (28th November) Mr. H. H. Fulton, Dominion President C.S.I., gave an address summarizing the year's progress.

Ten monthly general meetings were held, plus two committee meetings and one public meeting. Monthly meetings were held in the Unity Lecture Hall (1st floor), 323 Queen Street, Auckland, on every fourth Wednesday of each month, February-November, 1956. Committee meetings were held at the President's and a Committee member, Mr. William Doo's home on the 14th August and 11th October respectively. The Public Meeting was held on 31st October (see details elsewhere in this issue).

During the year Mrs. Olga Weitzner, Mr. William Doo and Miss Brenda Cathie were elected new members of C.S.I. Committee. Resignations from the committee, due to health and occupational commitments were Mr. Del La Varis, Mr. William Tennent and Mr. Dan Saunders.

Mrs. Weitzner, C.S.I. Librarian, was thanked for efficient management. The Library has an increasing number of books and members are encouraged to join. Send 5/- plus 1/- each book borrowed to 639 Remuera Road, Remuera, Auckland.

Mr. Ray Thomas and Mr. William Doo were thanked for the impressive number of new members each had brought into the organization. Mr. Thomas also kindly made available his magnetic tape recording equipment for recording addresses and programmes of regular monthly and public meetings. Quite a number of these tapes have now done the rounds of representatives in New Zealand and one having visited the Australian kindred organizations.

Thanks, too, are due to Mr. Henk Hinfelaar for assistance and foreign magazine translations. Mr. Hinfelaar's assistance has been restricted this year due to a business course in the evenings demanding much time. He and Miss Brenda Cathie are to be married in February, 1957. All the best wishes to them.

Thanks to those ladies who kindly assisted with the supper arrangements during the general meetings. Refreshments are always welcome.

C.S.I. membership has steadily increased during the year, associates now totalling over 400 (allowing for non-renewals).

Four issues of the magazine have been issued during the year, the September-December issue being launched into full print. The printers made a nice job and altogether our publication now compares most favourably with the best in the "U.F.O." field. Much praise received from overseas. 2000 copies have been ordered for the January-March, 1957 edition, 1000 extra to meet new national distribution project.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Murray, Directors of Murray Organizations Ltd., new members of C.S.I., have been appointed distributing agents. Both organizations are working closely together, and prospects are very promising.

The Annual Financial Balance is not due until next April, meanwhile finances are becoming steadily more healthy.

"PROJECT SKYWATCH" (period August, 1956-February, 1957) was launched in late July (press reported around the world) and "Skywatch" circulars were sent to all members, newspapers and broadcasting stations. Also to all N.Z. and Pacific weather offices, airport control towers and aeradio stations. Since the November meeting a further special letter, inclusive with a copy of our September-December magazine, has been sent to the latter three official offices. "Skywatch" received good publicity; the forecast for greatly increased "U.F.O." sightings proved accurate; details of over 100 sightings reached headquarters during July-September, 1956.

During the year the President gave many addresses to kindred and other organizations on the subject of "U.F.O. RESEARCH." These consisted of:—Luncheon address 14th February, Pukekohe Rotary Club; to meetings in Nelson, Blenheim (Junior Chamber of Commerce) and at R.N.Z.A.F. Woodbourne in late February (whilst absent from Auckland on special service course). Hamilton Flying Saucer Research Society, 164 River Road, Hamilton. At their Annual General Meeting April 18th. Pukekawa, organized by Mr. E. K. Alexander, C.S.I. member. Meeting sponsored by local Tennis Club 7th November. Hastings, C.S.I. members and interested parties. Kind invitation received whilst President was visiting Napier on sad occasion of his father's passing. Did not feel on form, but glad to oblige. Meeting organized by Mr. R. Shakespeare and held at Mr. Peter Add's home. Luncheon Addresses were given to Y.M.C.A., affiliated with "Optimists Club," on Thursdays, 22nd and 29th November. Addressed final meeting of year of Company of Master Mariners at the Grand Hotel, Saturday evening, 1st December. Luncheon Address, Onehunga Rotary Club, Thursday, 13th December.

The President addressed all but one of the general meetings during the year.

International Sighting Days. Were co-operated with (30th June and 8th September) by members of C.S.I. throughout New Zealand. International effort organized in London by "FLYING SAUCER REVIEW."

Publicity: Generous press mention was given C.S.I. activities during year. Sighting Days, Project Skywatch, and reports of latest news. Personal interviews with the

President were published by the Nelson, Blenheim, Hamilton and Napier papers. Other feature articles about C.S.I. appeared in Australian "PEOPLE" magazine on 2nd May, 1956; "N.Z. FREE LANCE" 26th October, 1956; "CINEMA, STAGE AND TV" movie magazine, December issue.

A 20-minute interview was granted the President by Station 2XN Nelson in February, 1956.

Most newspaper editorials dealing with "saucers" appearing during the year were personally answered and C.S.I. publications also forwarded.

Over 3000 articles of C.S.I. incoming correspondence were actioned during the year. The year of 1956 was a most active one for C.S.I., and it was felt that much had been achieved. As a result of our activities and voice in these affairs, respect for the "Unidentified Flying Object" had increased tenfold.

The President wound up his address by giving a brief of the latest "U.F.O." news.

## DOCUMENTARY FILM "UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS"

### CLOSE CO-OPERATION AND LIAISON

Following the release of the film "UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS" in U.S.A. in April, 1956, immediate inquiries were made of United Artists' New York Headquarters for information on the prospects of the film coming to New Zealand. After an exchange of letters, United Artists' New Zealand Agency management kindly offered to keep C.S.I. informed of all developments. The good news was received in early July to expect the film in early October and, in fact, an invitation was extended to C.S.I. Committee for a preview and first New Zealand showing in Auckland on the 2nd October. The film commenced its New Zealand debut in Wellington on the 4th October following a special preview to the Wellington press, Air Dept., Air Force and other Service and civilian representatives on the Wednesday, 3rd October. The "Evening Post" published a brief review in its 3rd October issue.

The film next came back to Auckland and a press preview was presented in the St. James Theatre on Tuesday, 29th October. An invitation to your Editor was kindly extended. Also present was Mr. R. A. McIntosh, President Auckland Astronomical Society, Mr. L. F. Larsen, officer in charge Mechanics Bay Weather Office, Captain W. T. Rainbow, N.A.C. pilot, and others on suggestion of C.S.I. Press representatives from the "Auckland Star," "N.Z. Herald" and "N.Z. Truth" were present. However, only the "N.Z. Truth" published a review of the film (issue dated November 20th, page 20). C.S.I. extended every co-operation to United Artists by distributing and having displayed all round Auckland the film's (U.F.O.) publicity sheets and photo display cards. Close liaison with the manager of Auckland's Majestic Theatre was also maintained before and during the film's Auckland public showing (8th-14th November). The manager of the theatre further promoted public interest in the film by organizing the release of weather balloons from Auckland's main street at 12.30 p.m. on the film's opening day. Both the press and 1ZB Broadcasting representatives were present; and the "Star" published a photograph of the balloon release in the following day's issue. Station 1ZB that evening broadcast on the scene commentaries by its "Roving Reporter" (replaces Daily Diary). The Majestic management also had printed gallup poll leaflets which were distributed to audiences a week prior and during the week's screening of "U.F.O." The public registered their opinion for or against the physical realness of "Flying Saucers" and then left them so marked for collection in the theatre lobby.

C.S.I. was offered and accepted the opportunity to have brief information printed on the gallup poll forms re our 31st October public meeting. Of those members of the public who remembered to cast their vote and leave the forms in the lobby, I have been informed that the following is the gallup poll result: Saucers don't exist, 350 votes; Saucers exist, 250 votes, undecided, 150 votes. This represents the total votes cast before and during the screening of the film. I was later informed that the majority of votes cast following the individual's viewing of the film were either: for the existence of "saucers" or marked "undecided."

All told, a lot of co-operation was given both ways during October and November. We understand that the theatre enjoyed good houses, and United Artists were pleased with our assistance in sponsoring the film. C.S.I. in its turn wishes to extend most grateful thanks for the friendly and co-operative spirit and real assistance and other kindnesses received from the managements of United Artists and Majestic Theatre. An invitation from the Editor of N.Z. filmland magazine, "CINEMA, STAGE AND TV," to myself to write an article (around the film) for the above publication was accepted and presented. A page is devoted to this in the December issue of the magazine, now readily available in many book-sellers and New Zealand theatre lobbies.

### NEW ZEALAND ITINERARY AS YET CONTRACTED

"U.F.O." will be screening at:—  
February 1st, 2nd and 4th—Hastings, Hawkes Bay.  
February 15-18th—Mirimar, Wellington.  
March 8-14th—Embassy, Dunedin.

United Artists informed C.S.I. that this film will be going to every part of the country. As further information comes forward we will pass on dates and places, etc., meanwhile watch the film page advts. in your local press.

## C.S.I. MAGAZINE AND DISTRIBUTION REPRESENTATIVES MURRAY ORGANIZATION LTD., P.O. Box 2237, Auckland, C.1.

Our Publication "FLYING SAUCERS" to be distributed to all N.Z. Booksellers.

Following recent discussions with Mr. and Mrs. R. Murray of Murray Organization Ltd., their kind offer to act as C.S.I. agency and manage the New Zealand wide distribution of C.S.I.'s quarterly magazine was accepted. It is too early yet to be sure of the success or otherwise of this new venture. However, recent response to a circular to Auckland Province booksellers looks very promising. Distribution is already under way. As far as we know, C.S.I.'s magazine will be the first in the world to be so made available to the public. As our organization is a non-profit body, and has no salaried officers, all proceeds from sales, etc., are destined to provide equipment to improve our research techniques, scope of study and promulgation of all worthy news in line with our policy, aims and objects.

## THIRD PUBLIC MEETING

On October 31st, at 8 p.m., at the Lewis Eady Hall, Queen Street, Auckland, C.S.I. made its third presentation of findings to the Auckland public. The programme opened with an address (1 hour) by Mr. H. H. Fulton, Dominion President. This address was supported with slide projections. Mr. Ray Thomas demonstrated a geiger counter (radiation evidence) and played a magnetic tape recording of unidentified radio signals received

in America from outer space (not alleged messages). A question period was enthusiastically responded to. A Moodie Institute scientific colour film was presented by Mr. Kelvin Cuff, who also kindly provided and operated the slides projector. Mr. William Doo spoke on the merits of C.S.I. membership and facilities; Mr. Henk Hinfelaar compered the programme. At the conclusion of the presentation, C.S.I. executive members (committee) were introduced to the public from the stage.

The meeting drew a capacity house (400), the audience being most attentive and receptive. Opinions vary as to the value of C.S.I.'s latest public presentation. It would seem that the audience did not need any further convincing of the reality of "saucers," but were eagerly awaiting our latest news and views. Unfortunately, insufficient emphasis was given this aspect. The above represents the committee's appreciation of its own presentation. It seems we'll have to find a spaceman for the next meeting, if such is held. Invitations were extended to the press and a number of important Auckland people. A number were present. The meeting was not press reported. A charge of 2/6 per person admittance was made, proceeds to aid the furtherance of C.S.I. endeavours.

## REPORT ALL SIGHTINGS TO C.S.I.

It is our earnest desire to obtain for study, analysis and reference the details of all observations of "Unidentified Flying Objects." Many good people never report because of fear of ridicule, embarrassment, etc. You can report to C.S.I. without any such fears, and all requests for confidence, non-publication of names, etc., will be fully respected. Address your information to . . .

C.S.I., P.O. BOX 72,  
ONEHUNGA, S.E.5.

## THE MOST ESSENTIAL DETAILS

Report accurately as possible; location of witnesses; date and hour of sighting; in which direction was object; its angle above horizon; give full description of object, light, etc.; describe actions of object, etc.; how long observed; weather conditions, wind direction, clouds, moon, etc.; number of witnesses, names or signatures if possible; witnesses background; was incident previously reported; if so, where to.

We would like to publish the complete details of all worthy observations in future issues of this publication.

# NEW ZEALAND SIGHTING REPORTS

*Feature . . . "THEY ALL CLAIM TO HAVE SEEN THE SAME THING"—*  
from Page 5 to Page 10.

**EXTRAORDINARY ROCKET-LIKE OBJECT FLASHES ACROSS 250 MILES OF NEW ZEALAND'S NORTH ISLAND SKIES**

### SEEN BY HUNDREDS FROM HASTINGS TO DARGAVILLE

Coming only a few days prior to the close approach of the planet Mars to Earth and in the centre of a host of "saucer" sightings all over the North Island, a spectacular rocket-like object flashed across a wide expanse of North Island skies. The object left numerous persons greatly puzzled and many converts to "Saucer beliefs" in its wake.

Many of the witnesses to this outstanding "U.F.O." sighting are well qualified observers, and their remarks following close upon astonishment should not be lightly dismissed. The majority agree that the object was most unlike a meteor or fire-ball (large meteor), and its speed, form and glowing appearance bear no resemblance to conventional aircraft.

To experienced "U.F.O." researchers, the event has many equals in other parts of the world. Some far more spectacular, because similar fast flying objects have been observed to suddenly reverse on their tracks, cut away at right angles, climb vertically out of sight, or shed other smaller objects which in their turn have turned on an equally fantastic display.

However, to the apparently numerous persons who witnessed the colourful speedy object of September 3rd, early eve, its flight actions were spectacular enough to cause them to consider possibilities, beyond meteors, aeroplanes and hallucinations. To most, seeing is believing, and now they have seen and no longer do they laugh, ignore or accept, the routine canned brush-off statements by large or small time pundits, who did not see.

### MANY PRESS AND PRIVATE REPORTS STUDIED:

The following details are drawn from press and private reports made to C.S.I. Most of the private reports were received following our press appeal (large advt.) which was published on 7th September issue "N.Z. Herald," calling for all details. We sincerely thank all the persons concerned and the following newspapers for excerpts drawn from their local published reports: "N.Z. Herald," "Auckland Star," "Waikato Times," "Waikato Independent" (Hamilton), "The Daily Telegraph," "The Hawkes Bay Herald Tribune" (Napier and Hastings), "Rotorua Post," "News" (Te Aroha), "News" (Opotiki), "Bay of Plenty Times" (Tauranga), "Bay of Plenty Beacon" (Whakatane), "Star" (Thames), "Northland Times" (Dargaville), "Grey River Argus" (Greymouth).

### OBSERVERS GIVE DETAILS:

From an experienced and skilled observer in the person of Captain Harold Hill, Deputy Superintendent, N.Z. Shipping Co., Chairman of Auckland Branch, Company of Master Mariners, came the following personal report. This report may also appear in the next edition of the Master Mariners six-monthly publication "ON DECK."

### CAPTAIN HAROLD HILL REPORTS:

"On the evening of the 3rd September, 1956, following out my normal routine, I left my home in 19 Kitchener Road, Takapuna, Auckland, N.Z., to give our two dogs their usual evening run. As is customary among seafaring men, I looked up at the sky to see what stars were out, what type of cloud formation there was, and generally sum up the weather prospects, etc.

I had not gone more than 10 yards from the garden gate towards Milford before my attention was drawn to a

cluster of lights moving rapidly on a west-north-westerly course towards Milford from the general direction of Rangitoto Island.

At first sight I thought that I was looking at a large passenger aircraft travelling at an inclination of about "45° Towards," showing all its forward cabin lights tapering away to one or two astern. I automatically looked for the port sidelight and then the stern light as it rapidly passed my field of vision, but there were no navigation lights whatsoever visible, and they **would have been** clearly seen had it been a conventional aircraft. I next waited for the roar of engines as the big "plane" passed directly ahead of me, at an estimated distance of not more than one mile, and at a height of about 800-900 feet—there was not the slightest sound! After being in sight for about four seconds, the object disappeared from sight in mid-air, in full vision, and without apparently losing altitude or changing direction.

The object bore no resemblance to a comet, meteor, or shooting star and after spending over 28 years of my life at sea and witnessing many astronomical phenomena, I can say this with some confidence.

Summarizing the above comments, I also append further details:—

**Date, Time and Position, etc., of Observer:**

Date: Monday, 3rd September, 1956. Time: 1845 hours L.S.T. Position: At "Black Rock," Takapuna. Lat. 36° 46' 36" S. Long. 174° 46' 36" E. Weather: Light airs, sky almost cloudless, no moon, fine and clear.

**Particulars of "Object" sighted:**

- (a) **Course and speed, etc.:** Approx. W.N.W., moving very rapidly, horizontally, from the general direction of Rangitoto Island towards Milford over an arc of about 50 degrees.
- (b) **Distance:** Approx. 1 mile from observer's position.
- (c) **Altitude:** Approx. 800-900 feet.
- (d) **Description:** A cluster of bluish-white lights tapering off to nothing.
- (e) **Size:** About the size of "half a pencil" held at arms' length.
- (f) **Time in sight:** About 4 seconds.

**Reports from other observers in brief (Auckland area):**

(1) Squadron Leader K. B. Smith, Commanding Officer No. 40 Squadron, when coming in to land at Whenuapai at 1842 hours saw "a glowing object with a white nose flash across the sky heading northward from Devonport. The thing was travelling on a horizontal plane at a fantastic speed. I thought at first that it was a jet, but I then realized that it wasn't."

(2) Squadron Leader O. Staple also saw the above object, and on landing discovered that air traffic control had received "saucer reports."

(3) Mr. and Mrs. F. Thomas and their daughter standing in a position on a cliff overlooking Takapuna Beach and about 1.1 miles 158° from my position saw a "brilliant white light over Rangitoto Beacon. The light moved from East to West towards Milford through an arc of about 70 or 80 degrees, gradually climbing in the sky. The object covered the arc in six or seven seconds." Time, 1845 hours.

(4) A Pakuranga resident reported seeing the object over the Tamaki Estuary.

(5) A gang of waterside workers loading the "Mataroa" at Queens Wharf said "the object was cigar-shaped, with a blue flame shooting from the rear, and had about four windows in the side."

(6) Mr. and Mrs. C. Williams of Tamaki Bay Drive saw the object as a "small blue light with a long white tapering tail."

(7) Mr. and Mrs. W. Gray of Remuera saw "an object about the size of a football over the Manukau-Piha area. It was bluish and very bright."

(8) Mr. A. Graven of Remuera saw "a moving glow in the sky; it was travelling from East to West and was silent—he watched for about a minute."

(9) Mr. Fraider and Mr. Delaney of West Tamaki said "that the swift thing that they saw travel horizontally across one-third of the sky, was in their opinion the exhaust flame from an accelerating machine, but not from a conventional aircraft. The object was very high, was orange and purple in colour and travelled from N.E. to N.W."

(10) A middle-aged businessman and resident of Milford saw the object from Milford Beach, about  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile 338° from my observation position. He saw "a cluster of bluish-white lights travelling swiftly from the direction of Rangitoto towards Milford."

(11) Mr. and Mrs. Porter of Kitchener Road, Takapuna, residents living about 150 yards to the southward of my position, also saw the object and their description **closely agreed with my observations.**

(12) A young boy aged 9 years (son of an insurance assessor, Mr. Stringer), and resident of Waiheke Island, told his father that he had seen "an aircraft flying very fast with sparks coming out of its tail."

**Reports from further afield:**

(1) Mr. L. C. Dassler, of Oropi, Tauranga (a former flight sergeant navigator with 1500 flying hours to his credit in the R.N.Z.A.F.), reported seeing a "pinkish, purplish flame and the indistinct shape of a hull about 1000 feet over Te Poi, near Matamata. It was travelling faster than any jet he had seen."

(2) Mr. E. J. Aiken, a Reporoa farmer, said he saw a "pink and white pear-shaped object travelling very fast across the Western sky."

**Those on "Watch" duty at sea did not see:**

Two New Zealand Shipping Coy's vessels were due to arrive at Auckland next morning, viz., the R.M.V. "Rangitane" and the M.V. "Essex," and were in positions approximately 100 miles and 160 miles East of Cuvier Island at the time of the above observations.

On arrival of the vessels, the masters were consulted, and after enquiries had been made, reported that no unusual astronomical phenomena had been observed the previous evening.

These "non-sighting" reports would appear to give added proof to the many reports of **low altitude** of the "flying object," as it must have been beyond the range of visibility of the two vessels.

Here you have the facts, and to date I have **had no satisfactory explanation**. Judge for yourself—what was it? A comet, a meteor, an aircraft, a man-controlled "flying object," or an Inter-Planetary Flying Saucer!

HAROLD HILL,  
Master Mariner, Auckland.

Mr. J. S. Thompson and a friend sighted the object from a stationary vehicle in Hastings at 6.30 p.m. The lights appeared to be travelling at an altitude of 2000 to 3000 ft., from east to west. They said, "It was more like a cluster of white lights with a blue tail fading away from behind. The object was travelling horizontally." ("Hawkes Bay Herald Tribune.")

Mr. A. D. Bowles, of Napier, told the "Daily Telegraph" he sighted a round orange object at approx. 6.40 p.m. He watched it for five seconds travel a horizontal course and disappear in a northerly direction. "It did not curve downward as a comet does," said Mr. Bowles.

Miss P. Clayton, of Tuhara, near Wairoa, saw the object at 6.55 p.m. "It seemed to be moving in a puffy or jerky circular manner" at a fast speed. The object was not an aeroplane, comet, or shooting star, Miss Clayton said. It was larger than the stars in the sky and "intensely white," and it moved horizontally above the Waiaatai Hills in a north-west direction. ("Daily Telegraph.")

Looking out the window at approx. 6.20 p.m. Mrs. B. M. Kemsley, of Napier, also sighted the object. It

was flying at great speed horizontally and it had a brilliant white light in front and a tapering blue tail. "With vision came the absolute conviction that this was not an aircraft of this planet," Mrs. Kemsley stated in her letter to C.S.I.

#### "Bay of Plenty Times," 4th September, 1956.

A school teacher of Whakatane sighted the object from his home at Ohope Beach. He wishes to remain anonymous, but there is the details of his report.

Location: Ohope Beach. Time: 6.40 p.m., Monday, 3rd September. Direction of flight: East to West. Position in sky: 65°. Duration of flight: 6 seconds. Motion of flight: Horizontal. Colour: Red to orange, a fair proportion of white, mainly at tail or trailing edge. Front had the brightest colour. At the front white appeared to be surrounded by red to orange giving a clear shape of a form of cabin. Shape: Oval (sketch given). Speed: Very great. When first seen: One-third across sky. Noise: Could hear none on account of surf.

#### "Bay of Plenty Times," 4th September, 1956.

### BRIGHT OBJECT REPORTED FLYING OVER TAURANGA

Several reports of Tauranga residents seeing a bright object in the sky at about 6.45 p.m. last night have been received from a wide area.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Fullforth said that while travelling in their car along Cameron Road they saw what they at first thought to be a falling star. Mrs. Fullforth then noticed that the object was travelling straight across the sky from east to west and thought it was a jet. However, on stopping the car they found there was no engine noise. "The object was travelling much faster than a jet," said Mrs. Fullforth. "It looked like a very bright light in front and had a tail which tapered off into nothing." Both watched it for several seconds.

Mr. R. Clark, of Greerton, also saw the object from Cameron Road at the same time. He said it was travelling at about 30 degrees above ground level and disappeared toward Mount Maunganui at a "terrific speed." He watched the object for at least half a minute and gave a similar description to that by Mrs. Fullforth.

One report came from Mount Maunganui. Mr. E. Wrigley saw the object from his home in Valley Road at about 6.45 p.m. It appeared from over Motiti Island and disappeared toward Mayor Island. "It was like a red ball with a reddish tail," he said. "It was flying dead level across the sky at a very high speed."

Two other Mount residents, Mr. and Mrs. E. McG. Murray, reported the object which they saw while travelling along the Matamata highway on their way home. Mr. Murray said it was flying at a height of between 500 and 1000 feet. It looked like a shooting star but was much bigger and was travelling on a horizontal plane.

"The object passed straight across at the level of the windscreen," he said. "It had a tail."

Mrs. Murray said she wound down the window to watch the object and saw it clearly. "It was certainly not a star," she added.

Mr. A. McIntyre, of Tauranga, was also travelling home from Auckland and reported the phenomenon which he saw about five miles on the Tauranga side of Pokeno. "There were four of us in the car and we all saw it," he said.

Realising that his report might be queried by disbelievers, Mr. McIntyre said he made notes of points immediately. The object was like a very bright light with a white fluorescent tail, which was as wide as the object near the front and tapered to a point. The tail was about eight times as long as the object and was not as bright. The object was flying from east to west, very fast and

parallel with the horizon at about 30 degrees, on a level course. It disappeared behind a cloud. Mr. McIntyre said he stopped the car to listen for any accompanying sound but there was complete silence. He watched the object for fully eight seconds.

Mr. D. J. Hill, travelling from Auckland, also saw the object when five miles on the Tauranga side of Paeroa. His wife noticed it first and remarked, "What on earth is that?"

"It was about 6.44 p.m.," said Mr. Hill. "The thing travelled straight across the sky a long way ahead. It appeared like a white light in the front and had a tail fading into orange and pink."

Mr. Hill was an observer in Stirlings during the last war. He is positive the object was not an aircraft and equally positive it was not a shooting star. "It was travelling horizontally through the air, very fast," he said. "A shooting star does not do that."

Asked what he thought the object was, Mr. Hill commented: "I have never before believed in such things, but I have seen my first 'flying saucer' now."

#### "Bay of Plenty Beacon," Whakatane, 7th Sept., 1956.

### GLOWING OBJECT WAS SEEN BY LOCAL RESIDENTS

The unidentified object seen in the sky on Monday evening from several parts of the North Island was also observed in Whakatane. Mr. R. L. Moore says he saw the light in the western sky at about 6.45 o'clock as he was driving round Cadman and Woods Corner towards town.

The reddish light, with sparks trailing behind like those from a grindstone, travelled from his right to left in a straight line. Mr. Moore estimated the light's course was approximately from Whale Island towards Tauranga.

Finally the object dropped down and went from his sight behind some clouds. Mr. Moore says he observed it for four or five seconds. It had seemed a long way away and to be travelling very fast.

A Dutchman, Mr. Herman Bakker, who is employed on a farm at Awakeri, says he saw an orange-coloured ball travelling across the sky while he was walking over the paddocks at about 6.40 p.m. The object, which was travelling on a horizontal plane, had a rusty-coloured tail of what looked like smoke.

Mr. Bakker says he was formerly a member of the Dutch Youth Society for Nature Study and, as such, had opportunities of studying meteors. But he says he has never previously seen anything like the object he observed on Monday. He does not believe it was a meteor.

Two Ohope residents, Mr. J. Nisbett and his wife, also saw the object travelling over the sea at great speed from east to west. They described it as a "phosphorescent ball."

A Mourea resident saw the object at about 6.30 o'clock away to his north travelling in an east to west direction. He said it was very red like Mars and of about the same size. It had a short trail of sparks and was moving quite fast. It looked a long way away, the resident added.

#### "Rotorua Post," 4th September, 1956.

A flying saucer seen in a number of parts of the North Island last night had at least four observers in the Rotorua district, all of whom gave approximately similar descriptions of its shape, colour and course. Although the two may not be connected, the "Post" also received this morning an account of an aurora seen over the Whaka Forest on Sunday night, with moving bands of pink light glowing and fading. The observer was sure that it was an aurora—he had seen them before in the South Island.

Mr. P. H. Bird of Mourea went out into his garden after dinner for a breath of fresh air. It was "about 6.30" and his attention was caught by an object in the sky to the north, just above the hills, and travelling from east to west or from Okere towards Mount Ngongotaha.

"I thought at first it was a shooting star until I remembered they always travel in arcs," he said this morning. "It was very red like Mars, and about the same size. It had a short trail of sparks. It was moving quite fast—about as fast as a shooting star—and it disappeared just like a shooting star. It looked a long way away."

#### Like Blazing Bomber

A Dutch immigrant who wishes to remain anonymous, was driving along Clayton Road to work at about 6.40, he said. The object he saw through his windscreens was reddish, "rather like a ball," with a very short tail. It was small and reminded him of a bomber on fire as he had seen often enough during the war in Europe. It was travelling on a horizontal line and quite fast between Mourea and Ngongotaha. When he got out of the car to see better, it had disappeared.

"I don't believe in flying saucers but I said: 'That's something funny anyway.'

Mr. T. A. Burt was turning into his drive in Old Taupo Road at "about 6.50" when he saw an object which he estimated at 1000 to 1500 feet travelling between Rotorua and Ngongotaha. (This agrees approximately with the two previous reports when the angle of view is considered.)

#### His Was Green

Said Mr. Burt: "It had a solid circular spot in front about the size of a Tiger Moth and a series of intermittent sparks." It travelled parallel to the top of my windscreen for three or four seconds but when I got out of the car it disappeared behind some trees. There was no noise."

Mr. Burt, who has had over 1500 hours' flying time with the R.N.Z.A.F., has never seen anything like it before. Only one complication: his "flying saucer" was green.

Mr. E. J. Aikin, a Reporoa farmer, saw the object as he was driving on the main highway near Golden Springs, 30 miles to the south of Rotorua. The time: 6.42. The object was to the north-east and was the elevation of Mars. It was pink tapering to white and was tear-shaped. Colour and shape were constant and it travelled westwards on a level course. It was swinging to the north-east when it disappeared. Mr. Aikin had it in view for 12 seconds and in that time, he said, it went a long way.

**"News," Te Aroha, 7th September, 1956.**

#### WAS IT A FLYING SAUCER?

#### UNIDENTIFIED OBJECT SEEN BY NGARUA COUPLE

#### GLIDED SLOWLY LIKE A BIRD

The unidentified object, thought by many who saw it, to be a "Flying Saucer," which was sighted over Tauranga, Matamata and Auckland early on Monday evening was seen by a Ngarua farmer and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Armstrong.

In an interview with a "News" representative on Wednesday afternoon, Mrs. Armstrong said she was leaving the cow-shed with a billy of milk when she sighted the object approaching. Mrs. Armstrong thought it was an aircraft and mentioned this to her husband.

"It was just gliding along like a bird and there was absolutely no noise," said Mrs. Armstrong who could not give an accurate estimate of how far the object was to the east of their farm. "It was not very far away and was straight out in front of me. I did not have to look up as high at the Te Aroha Mountain to see it," she said.

"It was quite low and travelling very slowly."

Mrs. Armstrong called out to her husband to look at the object which had started to gain height. It emitted flame and a shower of sparks and took off at terrific speed. "I have never seen anything like it," she said.

In describing the object, Mrs. Armstrong said it was travelling from south to north and was pointed at the front which was white in colour and there was a trail of what appeared to be smoke.

Although Mrs. Armstrong was not able to give the exact time that she saw the mysterious object it was between 6.30 and 6.45 p.m.

**"News," Opotiki, 28th September, 1956.**

#### WAS IT A FLYING SAUCER?

A local farmer who lives on Paerata Ridge reports having seen the bright object in the sky that was seen recently in Tauranga and other places. He saw it first appearing like a bright car light approaching from a north-easterly direction, his view being partly obscured by a row of trees. The object then changed direction and veered off in the direction of Tauranga, rising slightly as travelled at tremendous speed. It trailed a tail of sparks and was in view for only a few seconds.

**"Star," Thames, 5th September, 1956.**

The "Star's" Tairua correspondent wired this morning that a strange object in the sky was observed on Monday evening about 6.45 by Mr. A. B. Sadler. At first glimpse he thought it was a meteor, but was surprised to see it travelling horizontally instead of falling to earth. Expecting then to hear the drone of an aeroplane but failing to do so, he hopped off his bicycle to avoid the crunching of the wheels on the shell-covered road but still could hear no sound.

The light appeared to be moving effortlessly and in the space of approximately four seconds while in view had travelled about a mile. It first appeared coming in over the sea and passed at a low altitude between the observer and Paku, the headland to Tairua Harbour, and disappeared in a north-west by north direction when it was obscured by Pumpkin Hill.

#### Vapour Trail

This morning, about 11.30, the "Star" had a ring from Mrs. Walker at Tararu. She said just a few minutes before she called, she and others had seen a distant flying object lay a circular vapour trail in the sky eastwards of Tararu, and disappear into space. It was too far away to have definite shape, but there was no noise, and there seems nothing to suggest that an aeroplane would be likely to perform such a seemingly pointless manoeuvre.

**"Waikato Times."**

A Hamilton resident, who wishes to remain anonymous, reported to the "Times" yesterday that she saw a glowing object travelling northward over Hamilton at 6.45 p.m. the previous day.

She said, when interviewed, that she was sitting in her living room at the time, and happened to be looking out of the window when she noticed a golden-coloured light travelling in a northerly direction over the Fairfield area. For a few moments, she said, she thought it was a plane, and after watching it, stated jokingly to somebody else who was in the house at the time, that she was watching a "flying saucer," when it suddenly occurred to her that the object was unlike a plane.

"I ran out," she said, "to see if it was a plane. But it was definitely not, as there was no sound."

When asked to describe the object, she said: "It was a sort of golden light, quite bright, like a light that was reflecting off a plane, and travelling at a moderate speed." She said it was hard to estimate the speed or the height of the object. "I watched it for about three or four minutes before it disappeared from view," she added.

#### **Seen by Correspondent**

A report received early this afternoon from the "Waikato Times" correspondent in Taupiri stated that he observed an unidentified flying object on Monday night, approximately at the same time as it, or another object, was observed by a Hamilton resident who reported it to be travelling in a northerly direction over Hamilton.

"The sky was clear at the time," stated the correspondent, "and I received an unobstructed view during the whole period it was in sight."

He said that the object was unmistakably cylindrical in shape, with a very brilliant, yellow nose. The body was a darkish orange with a flaming tail. It was travelling on a horizontal plane at an angle from where he stood of not more than 50 degrees above the horizon. He said that the object was not travelling particularly fast, but it was, as far as he could ascertain, quite silent. It was visible to him for only about six or seven seconds before it disappeared from view.

It did not disappear over the horizon, he said, but seemed to fade away, in similar fashion as the saucer reported by Captain Hill, at 6.45 the same evening from Takapuna.

Writes Mr. R. Connell of Tairua to C.S.I.: "On 3rd September at approx. 6.45 p.m. an object was seen by many people to pass over Tairua. Three of them were Mr. D. Corywright, Mr. Bevan Heath and Mr. S. Saddler. Mr. Saddler, whose observation was reported in the Thames "Star," is a retired engineer. Up to the time of his sighting he was a most sceptical person. Corywright and Heath stated they saw an object like a comet travelling horizontally to the north. It came from a southerly point near Slipper and Aldeman Islands. Mr. Saddler estimated the object was travelling at 900 m.p.h. at approx. 1,200 ft.

Writes Mr. James Hamilton and C. J. Brown of Whenuakite: "Dear Sir, re your advt. in the "N.Z. Herald" on September 7th, we would like to report having seen an object at approx 6.45 p.m. on 3rd September. It was flying in a north-westerly direction, appearing first in the east. Its flight was almost horizontal, but climbing slightly. It was in sight for at least 10 seconds, gradually fading from sight. It looked like a huge, bright shooting star, and appeared to be holding a steady course and speed.

#### **Sighting report from G. C. and W. A. Donovan, R.D., Whitianga.**

At 6.45 p.m. on Monday, 3rd September, 1956, we saw a strange object come over the hills slightly north of east. It seemed to be travelling towards the north-west. Half-way across the sky it seemed to change direction to a more northerly course. It passed to the north of us at approximately 30 degrees above the horizon and was climbing very slightly all the time. It seemed to be at least twice the size of the largest star and have a tail about six times the diameter. It was travelling about the speed of a Bofors shell and was also seen by some other residents in the district.

G. C. DONOVAN, W. A. DONOVAN.

#### **Sighting Report from Alf J. Mackenzie, Piroa, 2 R.D., Ngatea, Hauraki Plains.**

Seen on Monday, 3rd September, 1956, at 6.35 p.m. I had just left my cowshed when I glanced up and saw what at first I thought was a large rocket. After a second or two it became apparent that it was a strange object. There was a nose shaped like a crescent moon and a tail of light. The nose could have been lighted. The speed was faster than any jet plane I have seen. It took about seven seconds to traverse my field of vision.

The course was E.N.E. to N.W. Appeared to come from the direction of Thames and head in the direction of Auckland. It seemed to be climbing slightly and its angle of flight being about ??

ALF. J. MACKENZIE.

#### **Sighting Report from G. T. Mackenzie, No. 2 R.D., Hamilton.**

On Monday, 3rd September, between 6.30 and 7 p.m. I saw an object travelling across the sky. It appeared to be going N.E. to N.W. It was oval in shape like an egg, pointed at the tail. Colour was bluish, almost purple. At first I thought it was a large shooting star but decided it could not be one for the following reasons: It was too large. It travelled much slower than any shooting star that I have seen, though still at terrific speed. It was travelling horizontally and only seemed to go out of sight because it had got too far away to be seen. I watched it for at least 15 seconds.

G. T. MACKENZIE.

115 Tripoli Road,  
PANMURE, E.2.

C.S.I.,  
1 Nissan Place,  
ONEHUNGA.

Dear Sir,

Your advertisement in the "Herald" on 7/9/56 has just been brought to my notice. I observed the object referred to, and my comments are given hereunder:

I saw it about 1845 hours on 3/9/56 in the northern sky from my residence. The fuselage appeared to me to be cylindrical and the proportion of length to depth was approximately 7:1. From my home it appeared slightly less than the thickness of an ordinary pencil held at arm's length. It was climbing towards the west at an angle of approximately 25-30°. The actual distance from my home, its height and speed were difficult to estimate because its actual size was not known to me. I considered it to be over the North Shore at a height of probably 7000 ft. and its speed something in excess of 300 knots. I based my conclusions in this respect on the clarity of the detail. There was a bright, slightly blue tinged light at the nose and an impressive exhaust trail. This trail appeared dark blue, liberally spattered with red which I took to be the evidence of incomplete combustion.

I was a pilot during the war and I have seen a sufficient number of aircraft, both day and night, to be convinced that the object I saw was definitely not what we regard as an orthodox aircraft and neither was it, as has been suggested by some who did not see it, a meteor. The outlines of the fuselage were clearly defined, particularly the after end.

Yours faithfully,

R. M. McKECHNIE.

#### **Sighting Report from Mrs. Girven and Miss C. D. Girven, 40 Wimbledon Crescent, Glen Innes.**

Sighted on Monday, 3rd September, 1956, at 6.45 p.m.

My husband, our daughter and myself were driving down St. Helier's Bay Road overlooking Rangitoto Channel at about 6.45 p.m. on Monday evening.

Our attention was caught by a brilliant white light moving rapidly across the sky from east to west. The object was long and cigar-shaped. The front end was lit with a glaring white light. The rear end was dark but had a faint glow outlining it. It was in full view for several seconds, then disappeared as if the light had been turned off. We had the impression of a propelled object.

My husband served four and a half years in the Air Force during the war and he says it was not one of our planes as was suggested in the local papers.

MISS C. D. GIRVEN, MR. V. E. GIRVEN, MRS. S. GIRVEN.

**Sighting by Mr. R. H. McEnierny, his wife, two daughters and son of 107 Shelly Beach Road, Herne Bay.**

Sent in by Robert E. Woodroffe.

Date: September 3rd, 1956 (Monday). Time: 6 p.m. Seen from above address. Direction of flight: West and going fast. Seen for 6 to 8 seconds. Height: About 1000 feet. Colour: Very strong white light.

Appeared to be travelling on a slightly inclined plane and then suddenly climbed rapidly till out of sight. The observer makes no claims as to the shape but he and his family are quite sure that what they saw was not a meteor or any known flying machine.

**Sighting Report from J. R. Farnsworth, 5 Puriru Street, Takapuna.**

In answer to your "Did you see it" advertisement on Monday, 3rd September, at 6.45 p.m., my son, aged 12 years, and myself while taking our dog for a walk along Pupuke Road saw the object.

This object was egg shaped. It had lighted port-holes. Sparks came from the rear. It flew at a terrific speed with no noise whatever. The height as far as one could judge at night was about 1500 feet. We followed the object out of sight as it passed over Milford.

I did not report as I thought none would really believe me.

J. R. FARNSWORTH.

**Sighting Report by Mr. Spence Wood, Whangarei. (sent in by J. W. Flower.)**

Observer: Mr. Spence Wood. Position of observer: Travelling by car from Auckland to Whangarei at a position about 20 miles from Albany, north of Albany. Time: 7 p.m. on 3/9/56. Appearance: A cigar-shaped object, luminous and travelling at a speed greater than that of any known aircraft. Colour: Same as a mercury vapour street light. Duration of sighting: About three seconds. Observer stated that he was unable to note the registered number of another car on the road, the occupants of which were obviously viewing the object.

The above was telephoned to me on 4/9/56.

—J. W. FLOWER, Northland Representative.

**Writes Mr. P. Nicolls, Wellsford, member C.S.I.:**

Re the 3rd September sighting, I have talked to half a dozen people who saw it from Wellsford, and Port Albert. A high school Maori boy, a bright lad, was the only one whose report varied from all the others around this way. The object passed almost directly overhead here and he said it was blue in colour and then without any prompting said, "I could see it spinning." His father and brother also saw it.

An ex 75 Squadron bomber pilot also had a good view of it and told me it looked similar to what they used to see over Europe during their night raids.

Pat Booth in his weekly column, "AIR NEWS," made the following mention of the 3rd September sighting: "That curious sky freak which was seen by dozens of puzzled Aucklanders was also sighted by P.A.A. men Noel Lendrum and Dave Morgan. They don't advance any theories about its origin."

Mr. Sam Rix, C.S.I., Hawkes Bay representative, writing from Mt. Maunganui: "In the 'N.Z. Herald' of 4th September there is an item describing the experience of Mr. L. C. Dassler of Oropi, Tauranga. I phoned Mr. Dassler last evening and obtained more information from him. He said that he saw the object moving parallel with the earth's surface and below the outline of the Kaimai Ranges, which vary from 2000 to 2500 feet in height. It appeared as a small, very brilliant ball of light and, although the movement was fast, there was no 'trail' effect—thus ruling out a meteorite. The light from this bright ball faintly illuminated a dark object ahead which could not be seen clearly and remained a vague shape

only. Mr. Dassler estimated the object travelled a distance of about 20 miles in 5 to 6 seconds, when the light appeared to suddenly cut out. He got the impression that the light was suddenly 'switched off.' Mr. Dassler is an experienced war-time observer, with a formidable tally of flying hours to his credit. He was greatly puzzled by this object."

It is not certain that this Dargaville report concerns the same object. However, it was reported the same evening within the time reference of all the others and the description of the object seen to take off trailing red sparks matches the descriptions of other observers further south. This then is the furthest north sighting of the spectacular, speeding, rocket-like object:—

**"Northland Times," Dargaville, 4th September, 1956.  
STRANGE OBJECT IN DARGAVILLE SKY**

Several Dargaville residents saw a strange object in the eastern sky at about 6.30 o'clock last night.

It was first seen fairly low in the sky as though it was over the quarry at Turiwiri. There were many other blue-green stars but this particular object had the colour and appearance of a dull street lamp.

It suddenly took off in the direction of Whangarei, leaving in its wake what appeared as red sparks.

One resident pointed to another similar object a few minutes' later and in close proximity to where the first object was seen. That object, however, did not take off.

Was this by chance the same object that flashed across the North Island skies, heading north-east approx. 2 hours earlier the same evening. If it was it apparently later reversed its course. This report describes a similar object heading south:—

**"Grey River Argus," 6th September, 1956.**

**BRIGHT, PEAR-SHAPED OBJECT WAS SEEN AT HOKITIKA**

While cycling along Fitzherbert Street, Hokitika, at 8.30 p.m. on Monday night, a 13 year-old girl, Gwenda Spoor, saw a bright object in the sky, corresponding to the description of the object observed in Tauranga and Auckland.

The object seen by Gwenda was travelling south and did not attract her attention until it had shot overhead and, in a matter of seconds, disappeared out of sight.

"I did not have time to point it out to the others as it was gone almost as soon as I had seen it," said Gwenda, a pupil at the Hokitika District High School. "I have no idea what it was and have never seen anything like it before," she added.

"It was pear-shaped and had a light in the front and things like sparks were coming out the back. It was going very fast," Gwenda said.

Mrs. Spoor said that her daughter was not one who imagined "extraordinary stories like this one."

"When she came home she did nothing but talk about the object flashing across the sky and what it looked like," Mrs. Spoor said.

You have read this extensive report on the 3rd September observation; now you are free to decide what it was.—Ed.

**IF YOU SIGHT AN "UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT"**

**Write P.O. Box 72, Onehunga, S.E.5  
Or Phone immediately if possible to . . .  
Mrs. Weitzner, Phone 21-969, day or night.  
Mr. William Doo, Phone 42-715, day time.**

Hamilton East.  
17th September, 1956.

THE DOMINION PRESIDENT,  
C.S.I. (N.Z.).

Dear Sir,

Many thanks for your letter of 28th August and data enclosed. I must apologise for the delay in replying but have had undue pressure of business to attend to, and as I wished to give the matter full thought, I did not wish to write hurriedly. The letter I wrote to the editor of the "Taumarunui Press" on August 8th was correctly printed, but I shall endeavour to convey to you herein the impression I received.

The date was apparently 6th August as the date of cutting would indicate though I have since forgotten this point, but the remaining details are perfectly clear in my memory. I was travelling from Hamilton to Taumarunui alone in my car and the day had been beautifully fine after much previous wet weather, with a very blue and almost clear sky. When I was about 7 or 8 miles south of Te Kuiti on a reasonably straight stretch of road, only a short way before the Taumarunui turnoff from the highway to Pio Pio, my eye indirectly caught a glint of the sun's reflection from a surface in the sky ahead of me to the south. I have often caught such a glint from a passing plane and almost unconsciously find myself casually glancing up at it and away again. I did just that on this occasion, and it was only after I had looked back to the road again that the realisation dawned that the shape I had seen was unusually round for the sun's reflection off a plane. I would like to make clear at this point that no thought of "flying saucers" entered my mind at that moment or during the subsequent viewing. This is peculiar to my way of thinking because I have taken a great interest in reading books on the subject, following avidly all newspaper reports. I have never felt like completely believing in people really seeing space ships from other worlds; the thing is so fantastic to one who has never seen for himself, though realising how insignificant the earth is in a system of countless other worlds, I did feel that such a thing could not be called impossible by any intelligent person. I simply felt, as many probably do, that I would like confirmation by really making a sighting for myself some day. In fact, it had never occurred to me that if it happened it would be in broad daylight—I always imagined myself seeing perhaps something lit up in a dark sky at night. To get back to the subject, I looked up again and the object was there as before, a perfectly clear-cut disc or sphere with its silvery surface reflecting the late afternoon sun. As I stated above, it is a peculiar thing and may sound foolish to you, but my only reaction at the time was: What exactly is that thing? That is why I did not stop the car and jump out excitedly but just kept watching it as I drove and trying to figure it out. It was in an ideal position for me as it was about the 2 o'clock position in the windscreen and no trouble to scrutinise without interfering with my driving. As it appeared to be idly floating, my first thought was that it was a met. balloon, though I soon dismissed this theory as something about it gave the impression that it was making a controlled course roughly south-westward and there was no indication that there was any wind blowing in that direction, though, of course, there could have been at that height, which I estimate now to have been about three thousand feet. To use your system of measurement, I think it would have been similar in size to a 3in. disc held at arm's length. As I looked, while maintaining its course at a now fast speed, its motion upward seemed to be becoming tremendous though quite effortless, and its size diminished very rapidly. It had become a pinpoint from my first sighting about 15 seconds previously and it faded out of sight behind a wisp of cloud. I would have lost it then anyway, and my guess as to its height when I lost it would be anything between 15,000ft. and 20,000ft. I

have seen plenty of aircraft disappear from view at much lesser heights but this disc or sphere had something of a silvery radiance which kept it in view until it became infinitesimally small. Perhaps I had not had time to completely gather my wits while staring at this object, but it was after it had disappeared that I realised that I had indeed seen one of those objects which many others have reported from time to time. No meteor ever looked like this object despite some of our learned astronomers, nor was it any kind of illusion. I have never seen anything more clearly, and I experienced an uncanny feeling as I realised how comparatively close it was when I first spotted it. I had a queer feeling that it had been very, very close to me some time before I spotted it, and I unhesitatingly record my sincere belief now that we have visitors from outer space. The acceleration and rate of climb of this object was not like anything at present man-made. I checked the time at 10 minutes past 4 p.m.

I have not seen it, but it was mentioned to me the other day when on another visit to Taumarunui that mention was made of a sighting about the same time by another person in the "Taranaki Daily News." I have been unable to find a copy about that date but perhaps you may investigate this. I would be intensely interested to know if it were the same object.

Yours faithfully,

R. A. FERRI.

"The Waikato Times," October 8, 1956.

### MYSTERIOUS OBJECT IN SKY

"BOUNCED LIKE TENNIS BALL"

A large object was observed stationary for about a quarter of an hour over Ngaruawahia this morning by Mr. Frank P. Duggan, a cafe proprietor, and his wife.

Mr. Duggan said he awoke at 4.40 a.m. and his attention was attracted by a bright light coming through his bedroom window. As the light was stationary, and was too bright for the lights of an automobile, he got up and went to the window. He saw in the western sky something which he described as "similar to a saucer on edge—only longer." The disc was very brilliantly lit, of an orangish colour. After watching it for about a couple of minutes, he awoke his wife, who came to the window and watched it also.

"It seemed to be very close," said Mr. Duggan in an interview this morning. "We watched it for about a quarter of an hour before it moved off. It seemed to be spinning when it started moving," he said.

#### Now Convinced

After his wife went back to bed, he continued to watch the object, which travelled in a westerly direction. "A curious feature of the motion of the disc was that it bounced like a tennis ball," he said. "After it began to move, it dropped swiftly, then rose again several times, only that these movements were sharp and swift." He said that the size appeared to be that of a bread-and-butter plate held at arm's length. He continued to watch it for quite some time before it finally disappeared from view.

Asked if he believed in "flying saucers," he said: "I didn't really believe in them before, but seeing this this morning certainly convinced me."

Writes Mr. A. B. Jones, a most keen member of C.S.I., resident of Taupiri:—

"As promised, I have interviewed Mr. and Mrs. Duggan at their cafe in Ngaruawahia. I questioned Mr. Duggan first. In my judgment, he is a very straightforward and honest man about 35 years of age. He lives on the north side of the Ngaruawahia Bridge and from their home window the object was high up over the Tapper Quarries across the Waipa River. He usually leaves the window blind up, so the morning light will wake him. It was the intense light of this object that first woke

him. Mrs. Duggan said it hurt the eyes to look at this glowing object too long. Mr. Duggan had it under observation for 30 minutes all told.

Mr. Duggan further described the object as having a ring around it, like a small edition of the planet Saturn. The object had a shaft of light on top, bottom and both ends, as viewed from his angle. Both Mr. and Mrs. Duggan heard a "whirring noise" most distinctly, when it started to move. Before moving they noticed that the object's light faded considerably and came on again slightly more intense. It changed from orange to yellow on moving off, with an up and down motion, not exactly as the press put it. It finally disappeared with altitude."

I have to report another sighting from a farm shepherd and his wife. Here is their personal report:—

**Taupiri, October 12th.**

Dear Sir,—Being out of doors at 4.20 this morning I observed a very bright light, east by south-east, at approximately 20° above the horizon. I called Mrs. Vincent, who also witnessed what I describe below. It was shaped like a top, appeared larger than the full moon, glowing with a bright light, with separate lights on either side, and one at the bottom. I observed it for at least 20 minutes, in which time it was stationary. The light faded perceptibly on one occasion. There was no noise."

(Signed) T. W. S. Vincent, K. A. Vincent.

The "Auckland Star" reported in its issue  
dated 17/11/56

## AUCKLAND HOUSEWIFE'S UNNERVING EXPERIENCE

Auckland scientists are examining fragments of a meteorite which landed at speed only inches away from a woman in an Avondale back garden. She was planting lettuces when the meteorite flashed past her head and seemed to explode at her feet.

The woman, Mrs. M. Munyard of 9 Walsall Street, rushed into the house, badly shocked, and a neighbour, Mr. T. Sparks, retrieved a piece of material like bluestone, cut clean and sparkling, from the garden.

This is now being examined by the geological department at Auckland University College.

### May be More

More of the meteorite may be buried among the lettuces, but Mrs. Munyard will not allow them to be disturbed until they are ready to cut.

Experts say that Munyard meteorite is the third recorded in New Zealand, but it is only the second actually seen. The first was at Mokoia, Taranaki, in 1908.

An American authority says the sighting of a meteorite landing is "among the rarest of human experiences."

The meteorite may have weighed 15 pounds when it entered the upper atmosphere and probably plunged, red-hot, from a height of 70 miles, possibly at a speed of 50 miles a second.

The small piece salvaged from among the lettuces is believed only part of the complete missile.

An indication of its speed was a whining noise heard before it struck. Examination of the splinter showed a porous surface with exposed crystals, partly blistered, suggesting that it may earlier have been molten.

Small splinters left on Mr. Sparks' mantelpiece seem to have disintegrated into a grey powder.

On the day the press report appeared, I immediately called on Mrs. Munyard. After introducing myself and purpose, both Mrs. Munyard and her daughter, Fay, took a few minutes off to explain the incident to me. I discovered the following: The "meteorite-like" object fell about three weeks prior to the press account. Mr. Sparks, a neighbour, was the first to locate and examine the larger particle. It was very small, light in weight, of basalt colouring with a shining crystalline, somewhat

coarse grain, exposed on close inspection. Mr. Sparks is not certain what happened to the tiny fragments. He thinks he put them in a disused ash tray on his mantelpiece, but all that is left now is some cigarette-like ash in the tray. He explained to me that he does not smoke, nor has he had visitors recently to account for cigarette ash. He cannot otherwise explain the disappearance of the small fragments, nor explain the presence of the grey ash. No attempt was made to claim that the particles did change to the ash. The larger particle was taken by Fay Munyard to Avondale College and examined by Mr. L. A. Warner, Science Head. Mr. Warner, on making initial inspection, broke the fragment in two (later regretted doing so). It was then passed on to scientists at the Auckland University. I have spoken to the Doctor responsible for making the tests, which were not then completed. His tentative explanation is that the Avondale object is a species of the stony type meteorite; specific gravity was somewhat unusual; basalt colouring and it was one-third of an inch across its widest diameter. It was intended to release a full report later on.

Mr. T. Sparks did not salvage the large fragment until some 20 to 30 minutes after its arrival. It made no detectable crater in the freshly dug soil. Other than the small fragments picked up at the same time, nothing further has been found. The larger particle was in the Munyard home for around three weeks before the daughter elected to take it to school. The fact that it did not also disintegrate into grey powder leaves some other explanation responsible for the loss of the tiny pieces.—Ed.

## 50 WITNESSES AT HAMILTON BOYS' SCHOOL SIGHT STRANGE SKY OBJECT

Southwell boys and masters won't forget the 20th September, maybe for some time to come.

At approximately 4 p.m. on that date, a brilliant white object, slightly larger than the moon, held their undivided attention. Here is Mr. Parry's (one of the masters) personal report, made to the Hamilton Research Society.

"Location of object: It was approximately due north about 50° elevation at, I should judge, 3,000 to 4,000 ft. altitude. It was brilliant white in colour. I cannot recall having seen such a dazzling pure whiteness. The object remained in a stationary position for at least a minute, it then moved away at a remarkable speed to the north, rapidly becoming smaller until it was lost to sight. It took 10 seconds to disappear."

"There were no clouds in the area of the sky in which the object was observed. No markings, motions, spinning, etc., could be seen. It simply appeared as a perfect disc. It was observed by two other masters and some 50 boys."

That same afternoon a further observation was reported.

"On September 20th at 10 minutes to 5 p.m., while taking my washing from the clothes line, I observed an unidentified object in the east travelling at a moderate speed toward the north.

"It appeared to be dome-shaped, the size of a full moon, upon rising, or even larger. It was a very, very bright white, silvery object, with beams of light flashing from it. There was not a cloud in the sky at the time, so I was able to watch it for quite a while until it finally disappeared all of a sudden."

(Signed) Mrs. Daphne Pick, Sunfruit Orchards, Hamilton.

## STRANGE HOVERING OBJECTS SIGHTED BY MRS. BATES

Mt. St. John, Auckland.

Rising early and looking out the window to note the state of the weather, Mrs. Bates was startled to see a brilliantly lit object hovering in the western sky. Quickly

she sought a new, powerful pair of binoculars, and focused upon the object.

Glowing a brilliant golden red in the early morning half light (the sun had not yet arisen), and appearing larger than the moon in size, the object appeared to be hovering but rotating slowly; bright golden red rays shone out from the object.

First seen at 5.40 a.m., the object was studied for fully 10 minutes. During this time it banked over to reveal its full circular shape, righted itself again, and now appearing to rotate a little faster it moved off towards Titirangi (almost directly away), and finally disappeared in cloud. When first seen the object appeared to be coming closer.

The general outline of the objects was of a domed centre portion with a flange around the middle or horizontal centre-line. In the centre of the bottom protruded down something that looked like a radio antenna. On the top raised centre portion protruded four strutlike extensions with small round objects on the ends.

Mrs. Bates was using a new pair of 20x60 German make glasses and assured me when I spoke to her on the phone that she was able to see the structural features very clearly. She made a sketch of the object immediately following her sighting, and will be sending a copy and report of the incident to C.S.I.

Mrs. Bates, whose home is on the slopes of Mt. St. John, estimated that the object was approximately 25-30° above the horizon (1/3rd) and said she is thrilled by her experience.

**Date of Observation:** Tuesday, 11th September.  
**Time:** 5.40 a.m. to 5.50 a.m. **Location of Observation:** Slopes of Mt. St. John. **Position of Object:** In western sky—hovered, rotated, tilted, moved away at slow speed. **Colour:** Brilliant golden-red. **Size:** Larger than moon.

Watched through powerful binoculars for ten minutes approximately. Weather clear, few patchy pieces of light cloud.

Interviewed Mrs. G. S. Bates at 11.45 a.m. on Saturday, the 15th September, at her home, 12 Belvedere St. Mrs. Bates showed me the exact position from which she had sighted the object, and the powerful pair of new German binoculars, 20x60, used to study the object.

The object was at bearing 250° WSW at 25° to 30° elevation. Mrs. Bates is joining C.S.I.

Checks made with the bearing taken from 12 Belvedere St., considering the apparent size, etc., places the object in the vicinity of Avondale Racecourse, New Lynn. Maybe further afield, or perhaps closer, depending upon the actual size of the object. The object made off in a southerly direction, towards the Manukau Harbour.

Size estimated: 60 ft. circumference, based on experience.

Timaru, 31st October, 1956.

Dear Mr. Fulton,

Last night I had to go down past Pareora, 9 miles south of Timaru, so took the opportunity to try and interview the two boys who saw the mystery object on Friday, 19th.

I interviewed John Darling, aged 11, but Barry Shuker, aged 12, was away on holiday. However, I was able to sort out the following from John Darling.

"At 4.45 p.m. to the east and seaward of Pareora, these two boys were playing amongst the bushes of a wide expanse of sand and scrub which is east of the main north-south railway line. The object was first noticed coming up over a slight hill in the dunes, to the south. As it came over the top it appeared to follow the contour of the slight hill going down, then it shot upwards in an arc disappearing into cloud in a northerly direction.

"It was estimated to be about 600 yards from the boys, and appeared to be about the size of a car's headlights at 100 ft. It was silver in colour, or rather chrome brightness; it had a round forward part and tapered away

to a point at the rear. There was no noise and the speed was terrific."

That, I am afraid, is all I could find out. I hope it may help.

Yours sincerely,

F. W. G. DICKESON.

**Sighting report by D. Westenra, Goodwin Road, Hallswell, Canterbury. 30/8/1956.**

### SIGHTINGS AT DESOUTER BAY, LITTLE AKAROA

I wish to report a sighting of a U.F.O. on Bank's Peninsula on August 11th and 13th last. The people making the observation were Mr. and Mrs. Ian Harris of Desouter Bay, Little Akaroa. Mr. and Mrs. Harris are farming in the Bay, and though there are two households in the Bay, they were the only ones at home at the time.

It was first seen by Mrs. Harris who was on her way to bed at 9.45 p.m. She had only been on the verandah when she called out to Mr. Harris to come and see a bright light which was behaving in a strange manner in the sky.

They both noticed that this bright object was falling to the earth in a manner resembling a falling leaf—from side to side and downwards.

The object was out to sea in a northerly direction from where they were standing and at an elevation angle of about 30° to the ground.

I asked both Mr. and Mrs. Harris to make separate sketches of what they saw with the naked eye and through binoculars.

Mrs. Harris: "The whole seemed to glow with short arms at sides."

Mr. Harris: "The whole body glowed. Short arms like tiny wings."

The weather was clear and the object stayed in the one position for several hours after the original sighting by Mrs. Harris.

I have now met five people who have undoubtedly seen flying saucers. Two sightings in N.Z. and one in Scotland in the last 12 months.

D. WESTENRA.

### SIGHTING REPORT FROM MR. HARRY MARTIN 23 Sutherland Crescent, Wellington.

(Sent in by Paul Martin.)

Mr. Harry Martin, my uncle, was returning to Wellington via the Rimutakas just after midnight on 2nd September, 1956. He was on the Masterton side of the Rimutakas when this meteorite-like object fell from high in the sky and passed out of sight behind the Rimutaka Range.

It was a glorious pale orange-red glow and appeared to keep the same even intensity of glow and constant diameter. The actual size is not mentioned but I should imagine it to have been a little larger than a bright meteor. He described the incident to have been a really spectacular sight.

The speed was puzzling. It travelled only very slowly and this he said was the strangest aspect of the incident.

Locality was between Masterton and Carterton.

### FLYING DISC CONVINCES

**Report of sighting of disc form by Mr. and Mrs. Newman residing in Turner St., Edendale, Southland, N.Z., on the afternoon of 10th October, 1956.**

At 1.32 p.m. on the afternoon of the 10th October, 1956, Mr. Newman was sitting in the living room, the window of which has a direct northerly aspect. He thinks his attention was directed to the window in the first place by the sound of the north-bound Dakota from Invercargill. The day was warm and the sky covered by a heavy

concentration of cirrus cloud at an estimated ceiling of 5,000 feet, broken here and there by a patch of blue sky. He immediately caught sight of a disc-shaped object coming from a gap in the clouds in the N.E. Losing altitude slightly from approximately 30 degrees, it appeared to have no traverse so would be travelling in a S.W. direction, at the same time as the Dakota appeared to be overhead and the disc seemed to be in size what a cone with base 8in. and apex 3in. would look like at one chain distance. The comparison was gained later by viewing a Diesel exhaust pipe weather cap.

It executed a remarkably tight turn and shot back into the cloud gap. Mr. Newman, astonished and perhaps a little doubtful as to what he had seen, passed through the kitchen where his wife was working and went outside. He could see no further sign and within ten minutes returned to the kitchen and told Mrs. Newman that he must have seen a flying saucer. She laughed at him and he in turn pointed through the kitchen window with, I believe, some feeling, at the direction he had seen the object. Almost immediately they were both amazed to see the object appear at approximately the same inclination, but about 20 degrees further to the east, lose altitude towards them, but to approximately the same size as before, slow down and then turn and recede very rapidly, climbing and disappearing in a N.E. direction. Mr. Newman later held a dinner plate upside-down at an inclined angle to try and give me his impression of what he had seen.

Mrs. Newman impressed on me her surprise after having laughed at her husband's remarks on the first sighting. The second sighting was at 1.35 p.m. Mr. Newman's impression was that the second sighting was timed with the passing of the Dakota out of the way and it appeared to him that its rapid disappearance the first time may have been caused by the Dakota. Both were impressed by the great speed and manoeuvrability of the disc. The only points of variance were that Mrs. Newman's impression was that it was silvery grey and Mr. Newman thought it was darker in colour.

Harold McHay.

J. A. D. Newman, R. G. Newman.

#### SIGHTING REPORT . . .

**SEEN BY MR., MRS., and MISS GATMAN.  
Mr. Gatman, Garage Proprietor, Silverdale.**

On Friday, September 7th, 1956, Mrs. Gatman, Mr. Gatman and daughter were driving home from Takapuna at 11 p.m.

When near Crown Hill they saw a bright light about half the size of the moon flash down from the sky, describe a curve and slow down at apparently 200 feet up. It hovered there and then vanished out to sea. Apparently it revolved for a red light appeared and disappeared. Mr. Gatman estimated its distance when hovering at approximately half a mile. He stopped his car to listen but there was no sound. They watched for about one minute.

R. GATMAN.

#### SIGHTING REPORT FROM COLIN WITHNALL, 20 Park Avenue, Putaruru, 10th September, 1956.

I wish to report the sighting of two disc-like objects on the 9th September, at about 10 a.m. while travelling in our car with other members of my family.

I saw what appeared to be a large, white, shimmering mirror apparently rising from a field from behind a barberry hedge. I shouted and my mother and sister both looked up and saw it.

It rose a few more feet, then turned abruptly in the direction of the car. As it did so, it suddenly seemed to split into two, each one being smaller than the original though otherwise identical.

They then shot over the roof of the car and out of

sight. By the time we had stopped and got out they were gone. They were moving at a terrific speed and rotating vigorously on their axis.

I judge that the original one would have been about 7 feet in diameter. However, we are not quite sure about their size.

They appeared to me to rise vertically from the field then perform a sharp right angle turn.

I have included a sketch to clarify matters.

COLIN WITHNALL.

I confirm the above statement written by my 15-year-old son.

A. D. WITHNALL.

#### ELEVEN AUCKLAND PEOPLE WITNESS STRANGE SIGHT SUNDAY, 16th SEPT., 1956, NEAR 8 P.M. L.S.T.

The planet Mars was only nine days past nearest approach to Earth and, as you are aware, there was world-wide interest in this event. But for eleven Aucklanders who gathered at a home in Dominion Road to participate in this astronomical occasion an even more unusual observation was about to occur.

In preparation for the celestial study, three telescopes had been set in position on a permanently stationed wooden stand, which was situated on an adjacent lawn. The telescopes consisted of a single eye-piece binocular-style scope (power 20x40, which was fitted with a small tripod) and a 2in. and 4in. refractor type telescopes.

The instruments had only been in use for a short time when suddenly one of the viewers, Miss Duna Vosiliunas, looking through the binocular style scope, found herself gazing at a most extraordinary heavenly object. There in the sky, apparently quite stationary, was a long cigar-form glowing light. Miss Vosiliunas noted that this strange light appeared to give off all the colours of the spectrum.

Without describing to each other as to what was being seen, all present were requested to look and note. Whilst turns at viewing the object was in process with the small scope, another of the party managed to locate it with the 2in. refractor. This was difficult because the object was not distinguishable to the naked eye from the many other twinkling stars in that area of the sky. The operator of the larger instrument (4in. refractor) was still trying to find it when the object departed some ten minutes later.

Whilst the strange elongated light was being closely studied, the observers were further startled to see three smaller, disc-like glowing forms, domed on top, come away from the larger object. After hovering in a group close by for a short period, they moved out of the field of view. Shortly later, however, these small objects were seen to return to the larger object, disappear into it, and then the large object rapidly made off to be quickly lost from view.

The observation lasted for an estimated ten minutes, all present shared a good view and remain mystified as to what had been observed. On the spot investigation by C.S.I. establishes that the objects were observed at an approximate elevation (above horizon) of 35 to 40 degrees, compass bearing N.W. true.

The information was brought to C.S.I. by three of the witnesses, who attended our monthly meeting for September 26th. During the evening the President of C.S.I. had the pleasure of interviewing the observers at the microphone. Their most impressive account was tape-recorded along with the programme of the evening. Two of the witnesses were later welcomed as new members of the organization.

Four of the witnesses: Mrs. P. Vosiliunas, Miss D. Vosiliunas, Mrs. M. J. Bennett, Mrs. Cherie Barton.

FLYING SAUCERS

P.O. Box 72,  
ONEHUNGA.

Dear Sir,

Having noticed your Public Notice in the "Herald" of September 7th, 1956, I thought you might be interested in a report of a flying object sighted by myself together with my wife and two friends on the evening of September 20th of this year.

At about 8.30 p.m. on that evening my wife and I were driving from our home to our friends' place when my wife drew my attention to an exceedingly bright light in the sky which she had seen through the window of the car. The light was of such peculiar intensity that she jokingly made mention that she might be viewing a "Flying Saucer." Out of curiosity I stopped the car and viewed the object myself which was perhaps ten times as large as a very bright star. The light from the object was of a peculiar intensity and was pulsing or perhaps flickering, although the former would be the more correct term as the light seemed to be growing in size or pulsating at regular intervals of perhaps a second or two. The object at this stage was stationary or appeared to be so. We continued to our friends' place, watching the object through the windscreen of the car and on arrival at their home drew their attention to it. Their observation was of similar thought to our own, although after discussion we put the matter down to peculiar atmospheric conditions or haze which was magnifying and distorting the light from a bright star. All of us then proceeded to town where we were for the next half hour actually having a swim in one of the thermal baths there.

On returning to our friends' place the time then was 9.20 p.m. and we got out of the car and automatically glanced at the sky to the position in which the object was last seen. To our surprise the object had shifted position and from being in the first place approx. 50 degrees above the horizon was now only about 25 degrees above the horizon. The same pulsing effect was noticeable and the haze which had been in that part of the sky previously had blown away so that the sky was crystal clear. The general direction checked later with a compass was 350 degrees, varying later to 305 degrees with the object's travel, which was observed for the next forty minutes. Our interest by this time was so aroused that my friend obtained his field glasses and we watched the object through them.

The direction of travel was in the same direction right throughout our observations, being toward the West from North-North West with a marked declination from the position of original sighting. Viewed through the field glasses the light changed colour continually from red to green and orange or gold. The object in no way resembled a plane in that at first sighting it was stationary and giving off a light of very bright intensity (white) with marked pulsation, general direction at this stage being North-North West. Time approx. but very close to 8.30 p.m., September 20th, 1956. Height would be impossible to estimate, although very high and at an angle of approx. 50 degrees with the horizon. Sky hazy, although night clear and moonlight with full moon. Viewed at approx. 8.45 to 8.50 p.m. by all four of us similar observations to above, no change in position or intensity from first sighting, although my two friends could not confirm this as they were not with us earlier. All agreed most peculiar object but finally marked down as due to haze distortion of light from some star (with reservations).

Resumed observation at approx. 9.20 p.m. Object changed position both in general direction and in angle above horizon. Now approx. 25 degrees above horizon, i.e., a marked declination from position where first seen in the half hour or so from previous observation. Object also travelled to the West now being approx. North-West. Still marked pulsing and object noted to be travelling

from observation of position and check with fixed objects on the ground. All observers had to change position several times (with object disappearing from sight behind fixed objects on the ground) in order to keep the object in view. Direction of travel toward West and declination with horizon marked. Change of colour in pulsation noted light changing from red to green to orange-yellow.

Time approx. 9.45 p.m. Had to get in the car and travel down road to avoid fixed objects on the skyline getting in the road of our vision. Object still travelling steadily in same direction, colour change still observed, steady declination toward horizon, now only approx. 15 degrees above and position approx. West-North-West. Object getting remote and rapidly receding from sight, although still visible to the naked eye but readily discernable by the field glasses.

Time approx. 9.58 p.m. Object hardly discernable with naked eye and not clearly so marked through the glasses. Colour change still noticeable and direction of flight same. Direction still approx. West-North-West. Angularity with horizon now only approx. 5 or 10 degrees.

Time 10.00 p.m. Object not now discernable with naked eye and difficult to pick up with glasses. Shortly thereafter observation discontinued.

Conclusion. All four observers state they have had no experience of a similar object in their lives, and all agree the object was not a plane. Direction of flight was maintained throughout with exception of early sighting when object was stationary. No noise at any time and marked colour change. Size approx. when first seen about 10 times that of a very bright star. Mars was visible to the East and was a marked orange-red; in contrast the object was when first seen about ten times the size of Mars and was a blazing, white pulsing light, equally as stationary as Mars. (Strange to say the evening was that of the day on which the Vulcan Bomber was sent around this district for the public to gain a general view of that plane.) No shape was at any time discernable. Following on our observation my wife and I took care to examine that part of the sky in which the object was first seen during the succeeding evening at the time of the first sighting (8.30 p.m.). There was no star of any magnitude within any close proximity of the position in which the object was first sighted.

I trust that the foregoing is of some interest. If any detail comes to mind that I have not made mention of I will certainly let you know. If, on the other hand, you have any questions you would wish to ask, you have only to write and let me know.

In conclusion I would mention that we are all adults of mature age and all in our late thirties or early forties, so in no manner of speaking would be subject to hallucinations.

Yours faithfully,

E. T. SCOTT.

## NELSON: DAYLIGHT SIGHTING OF BRIGHT SILVERY DISC OR GLOBE AT 6.15 P.M. 30th October, 1956.

Sighted due west from Lower Hardy Street, Nelson City. Altitude about 25 degrees above a true horizon.

**SIZE OF OBJECT:** From a little larger than a full moon, constantly diminishing in size to vanishing point. Although object did not move laterally or vertically, it gave the impression to all witnesses that it was rapidly receding from them. The object gave the appearance of being at least a mile or more away at first; no appendages —no noise—no vapour trail. As it was roughly in line with Tahunanui Met. Station, it was considered probably a weather balloon, hence no report given to "The Mail."

**WITNESSES** were: Mr. Cyril M. Stratford, 8 Tamaki Street, Tahunanui. Miss Ruth Stevens (nurse at

Public Hospital), home address, 28 Moncrieff Avenue, Tahunanui. Miss Ruth Benseman (nurse at Public Hospital), also a number of teenage girls alighting from a bus. Mr. Stratford, a building contractor, was the driver of the private church bus. Some of the girls alighting were the first to notice the U.F.O. Then Miss Stevens saw it and described it thus:—

Sky low, overcast, with individual grey clouds and small patches of sky. A large, silvery round object a little larger than a full moon showing very clearly against cloud. The object was rapidly receding and shrinking in size, but not moving sideways or up and down. Without interruption, Miss Stevens watched it reach vanishing point. Total time observed about fifteen seconds. Miss Benseman admitted she also saw the object but was not interested in its behaviour. Mr. Stratford did not see the object when the girls first sighted it. When he first saw it, it was a little smaller than a full moon and apparently rapidly receding. His attention was distracted and on looking the second time could no longer see the object and supposed it had risen into the clouds. He was impressed by the brightness of the object. His estimate of the whole incident, from the children first sighting it to his last fruitless search, was one minute or less. He admits his estimate of time may have been too long because his attention was distracted from steady observation and probably the object had vanished some seconds before he looked again.

**RESEARCH INTO THIS CASE** by Mr. Ellis Dudgeon and his reasons for considering this U.F.O. could not be a free floating balloon of any type known to us:

1. Enquiries at Met. Office, Tahunanui, disclosed that **no balloon had been released** near that time. Clouds at 3,000 feet 3/8th; at 12,000 feet 1/8th. From 1,000 to 3,000 feet S.W. to West wind at 20 knots. From 3,000 to 7,000 feet West wind at 20 knots.

2. The object was **travelling at high speed against the wind**.

3. In maintaining its perfectly steady position in relation to observers, while rapidly receding from them, the U.F.O. must needs be more than a mile distant when first observed, to be free from turbulent air above Port Hills which would show wobble and erratic movement. Appearance of full moon size at such a distance indicates an object larger than our usual weather balloons.

4. Object diminishing in size at such rapid rate indicates a **speed of hundreds of miles per hour**. In keeping its ascent in synchronisation with its forward speed so as to appear stationary to observers it must needs have risen at a speed far in excess of an unladen hydrogen balloon. Otherwise the object would appear to sink from sight.

5. An aluminium object such as painted balloon or aircraft would appear comparatively dark against western sky near time of sunset—no matter whether sky was clear or cloudy. Sunlight would give only a back rim illumination. And yet the object appeared very silvery bright all over. In any case witnesses considered no sun was shining.

**NOTE.**—This report was made known to a Meteorological observer at Met. Station, Tahunanui. He is unable to account for the object and its movements. He agrees that the rapid shrinking in size indicates a probable speed of hundreds of miles per hour—against the wind.

One day early in the same week on Monday or Wednesday, Mrs. N. A. Cook of Hut Tea Rooms, Tahunanui, saw for several seconds a full moon sized, very bright silvery globe moving fairly fast against clouds and blue sky just above level of Mt. Arthur Range in North-West. The object was moving towards North-East. Unfortunately Mrs. Cook cannot remember the time of day.

Report submitted by Ellis Dudgeon, A.R.P.S., F.R.S.A., Tahunanui. P.O. Box 152, Nelson. 5th November, 1956.

**Did these three separate parties witness the same strange light?**

### **SIGHTING "UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT"**

Observer: Mr. J. H. Young, 87 Hinemoa St., Birkenhead. Phone 18-904.

Date of Observation: Sunday eve, 25th November, 1956.

Time: 7.30 p.m.

Mr. Young sighted a very bright light (bright as street light) at first stationary in the Northern sky approx. level with the top of Rangitoto Island. The light then moved Northwards slowly for 2 to 3 minutes and then suddenly blinked out. No sound was heard, nor could any side (wing) lights of an aircraft be seen.

Although the light appeared to be quite distant at an elevation of 15 to 20 degrees above the horizon, Mr. Young was certain it was not a bright star (planet) and a heavy cloud front was visible beyond the "light." The light moved through an arc of 10 degrees in horizontal motion until it suddenly blinked out and was not seen again. Mr. Young was very mystified by this "light" and is most anxious to establish or learn of the identity of the light source.

Report received from Mr. J. N. Morgan, senior observer, Weather Office, Mechanics Bay, per letter 26/11/56. Mr. Morgan has received the report per phone from Mrs. Duder, 15 Ocean View Rd., Milford. Phone 79-010.

At approx. 8 p.m. Sunday eve, November 25th, 1956, Mrs. Duder sighted what appeared to be a very large bright star to the east at an estimated 20 degrees above the horizon. It was bright yellow in colour and quite stationary. A friend of Mrs. Duder's had first sighted the brilliant light and had then brought it to her notice. The light was at least twice as bright as Venus when an evening star. Whilst she was phoning another party to come and witness this unusual sight, her friend reported that it had suddenly disappeared after appearing to rise slowly and also move to the north.

This light was twinkling as for a star, but was much brighter and its yellowish colour remained constant whilst under observation. The light was observed for approx. 30 seconds by Mrs. Duder and for a longer period by her friend. A dark bank of clouds could be seen behind the light.

Box 71, Waiuku, 29/11/56.

The Secretary,  
Civilian Saucer Investigation,  
Dear Sir,

I would like to report to you an unusual phenomena witnessed on 25/11/56.

At approximately 8.57 p.m. I saw what at first was considered to be a pyrotechnic display by the Air Force in connection with "Air Week," in that there was an orange coloured flashing light moving slowly northwards. When first sighted, the light was jumping about—when it faded out, it would reappear in another place that did not seem to coincide to an object having level flight. (Hence the reason for the impression of pyrotechnics.)

I advised the family of the phenomenon, and they saw it for approximately 1½ minutes. A neighbour was also advised, and they saw it for about 1 minute. The object disappeared from view at about 9 p.m.

At first the speed appeared to be that of a conventional aircraft, but as it neared the horizon, it seemed to be going faster than an aircraft. Perhaps the close proximity of the hills made this so. Unfortunately, I had just come from a brightly lit room, so it was difficult to pick up landmarks at first, so the position given can only be approximate. There was a large nimbus cloud to the north-east so that no stars were visible. There was a breeze of force 4-5. No sound other than the wind could be heard.

the white light came; delta-like wings which were rounded; a larger glass turret on the middle of the back from which the blue light came; and a tapering tail that he could not see clearly.

The hissing sound appeared to come from the rear of the tail, indicating some form of jet engine. He could see neither any markings nor wheels.

The aircraft, which he thought was about 1500 feet up, was travelling in an easterly direction between Hawera and Eltham, at a speed which he estimated at between 300 and 400 miles per hour.

The possibility of the object being a conventional aircraft was discounted by Mr. Thomson, who has a fair knowledge of planes. He pointed out it was unlikely that an aircraft would be flying at that time of the morning.

He was sure that the aircraft did not resemble a meteor nor any other falling object.

"I only wish," he said, "I had a camera. Whether I would have got over my fright quickly enough to use it, I don't know."

Immediately inquiries were made to Mr. Thomson, but to date no replies have been forthcoming. Another party beat us to this case? If Mr. Thomson has reproduced the shape of this U.F.O. reasonably accurately then the shape is a little out of the ordinary. It is not a great diversity from the circular disc.—Ed.

"*Northern Advocate*," 7/9/56.

### GUESS WHAT THIS WAS

For nearly an hour last night Mr. R. V. Rountree, of Waiotira, and several other watchers, studied an object the size of a full moon in the north-eastern sky.

Mr. Rountree says the object remained stationary for most of the period.

He watched it through a pair of powerful binoculars. It had a tail when first seen, but this later disappeared.

From brilliant red, it changed to duller hues and assumed different shapes, even resembling a hand and a wishbone at times.

First observed at 6.30 p.m., the object was visible until after 7.30 p.m.

#### Timed Observations

Timed observations were:

7.15, resembled a dart; 7.20, changed shape to four-pointed star; 7.22, moved slightly and reduced in size; 7.25, still hovered; 7.27, changed from brilliant red to orange and haze thickened; 7.29, almost disappeared from sight; 7.30, looked like a star to naked eye; 7.35, just visible through binoculars; 7.36, still in same position but almost invisible; 7.38, faintly visible; 7.40, practically disappeared.

Mr. Rountree could not hazard a guess at what the object might be.

"It just seemed to hover in the same place," he said today.

"*Daily Telegraph*," 7th September, 1956.

### SKY "STRANGER" PAYS CALL TO NEWEST CITY

Several motorists who last night were viewing the special lighting of Hastings from Te Mata Peak saw a strange object in the sky. It was described a long illuminated object, apparently larger than an aeroplane, with white lights in a line.

First seen in the distance, the object came closer at speed, and appeared to circle the main business area of Hastings. One observer reported that it "appeared to stop in the air over Paki Paki for about four minutes at a height of some 4000 feet. It then circled and quickly disappeared to the south."

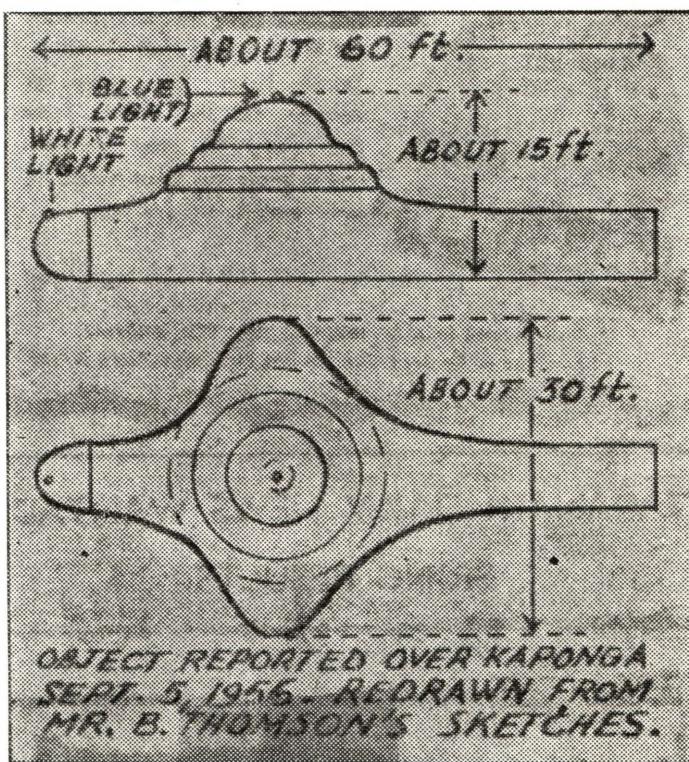
First seen at approximately 8:57 p.m. Last seen at approximately 9 p.m. Speed: Slow at first, later appeared to be faster than that of aircraft. Height: When first observed, was at an approximate angle of 20 degrees. Distance: 2-4 miles from observer. Location of observer: Grid Reference 304E 094 N (Lands Survey Sheet N51). First seen 33E 13N. Last seen 31E ?N. Colour: Orange. Approximately the same as Mars when at its closest approach. Brightness: Approximately the same as Mars when at its closest approach. Variations: Bright for approximately 1-3 seconds, fading away for 1-3 seconds. No bright nucleus observed. Size: No smaller than Mars at close approach, no larger than 2 diameters of Mars. Sound: None.

(Signed) O. R. HULL.

"*Taranaki Daily News*," New Plymouth, 6 Sept., 1956.

### STRANGE OBJECT STARTLES FARMER

A Kaponga farmer was considerably startled yesterday morning by a large, peculiarly shaped object, white in colour and travelling at surprising speed, which flashed across the sky above his farm between 1.30 and 2 o'clock.



Still excited some hours later, the farmer, Mr. B. Thomson, was positive that the approximately 60-foot long, 30-foot wide object was something out of this world in air travel.

Mr. Thomson told a reporter yesterday that he awoke about 1.30 a.m. and decided to see to a sick animal, to which he had given injections the night before.

As he was walking towards the animal he suddenly heard a hissing noise, gradually increasing in intensity, above him. Looking upwards, he saw a white light, then then a blue light. As the hissing sound came closer, he could make out the shape of a huge aircraft, unlike any he had ever seen before.

Mr. Thomson said it appeared to have a turret-like glass nose which bulged out at the front, and from which

Occupants of other cars on the road to Te Mata Peak also stated they had watched the strange object for several minutes.

**"Taranaki Herald," New Plymouth, 7th Sept., 1956.**  
**SAW "OBJECT" HOVER OVER SEA  
NEAR PARITUTU**

Shaped like an inverted half moon, a star-like object which suddenly "burst into a glow" was seen slightly to the west of Paritutu by Mr. and Mrs. B. Austin from their home in 35 South Road, New Plymouth, a little after 7.30 p.m. last night.

It was first seen by Mr. Austin, who called his wife, and they watched it for about 10 minutes before it went into a cloud. During this time it seemed to hover over the sea. They watched for another 10 minutes but it failed to reappear.

Mr. Austin said it was too far away for them to see any details of its shape. Its light was white, similar to a strong electric light.

After it became illuminated, it appeared from the distance at which they saw it to be about 18 inches across, which meant that it could not conceivably have been a star, said Mrs. Austin. They were not sure, however, whether it really moved or just appeared to move, until it went behind the cloud, when it definitely moved.

When they had given up hope of its reappearance, Mr. and Mrs. Austin checked with their next-door neighbours and found that neither of them had seen the object.

**"Guardian," Hokitika, 6th September, 1956.**

**SECOND STRANGE OBJECT SEEN  
IN HOKITIKA SKY**

While he was at Takutai on Tuesday night at about 10 p.m. Mr. L. Provis saw a bright cigar-shaped object in a vertical position, with the top end rounded off and the bottom tapering off. It was in a westerly direction just over the sea.

He said today there were also a number of smaller objects of the same shape just at the lower end of the big one. All were stationary.

"It was very high up, and for a while I thought it was a star, but I have never seen a star with such a light before," Mr. Provis said.

"Every now and then it would be covered over with a cloud and then appear in the same position again. The little objects on the lower end of it were not as bright, and seemed to flicker and waver. It was quite uncanny," he added.

Mr. Provis said he watched the object for a while to make sure it was no hallucination, and to see if it was a star or not. He was quite sure it was no star. Finally the objects disappeared.

**"Rotorua Post," 7th September, 1956.**

**MYSTERIOUS OBJECT OVER TOWN**

"I am not trying to explain this object as a spaceship, I am only describing what I saw, as faithfully as possible," stated Mr. E. E. Le Prou, of 60 Eruera Street, Rotorua, this morning when telling the "Post" of an object he sighted in the sky at 4.45 a.m.

At present in bed with influenza, Mr. Le Prou was awake early this morning when he sighted a semi-circular, brightly-lit object in the sky.

The object remained stationary for 20 minutes, then gradually ascended into heavy black cumulus cloud, at the same time showing a tremendous, sharply-defined floodlight downwards, for all the world like a bright moon shining through a hole in the cloud.

Mr. Le Prou pointed out that there was not a star in the sky at the time he saw the object, nor was there a moon.

**Almost Dawn**

"When this object moved upwards it was just starting to crack dawn," Mr. Le Prou said.

He kept a strict watch from his window till some 25 minutes later when the cloud dispersed, but only clear sky was revealed, with a few stars dimly showing through in other parts.

Mr. Le Prou pin-pointed the position of the object by landmarks, and during daylight took a prismatic compass bearing which resulted in a reading of 30 degrees east.

**Not a Star**

"This thing was very definitely not a star; no star could be so bright and besides, stars just don't take to the heavens vertically like that, and use a searchlight to see where they are going," he commented.

After pointing out that the object had apparently disappeared because daylight was approaching, Mr. Le Prou said he could not estimate distance or height of the object.

In conclusion, he emphasised that the object emitted a particularly brilliant white light which lit up quite an area of surrounding cloud.

**"Hawkes Bay Herald-Tribune," Hastings, 8th Sept., 1956.**

**"LIGHTED OBJECT" SEEN OVER HASTINGS**

A brilliant red and blue illuminated object with a white lighted tip was seen low in the eastern sky by an Oliphant Road resident, Mr. D. Gordon, last evening. The observer said he saw the object at 6.20 p.m., but lost sight of it after a few seconds as it headed northwards.

He likened it to a rocket about the size of a large pencil.

**"Wanganui Chronicle," 8th September, 1956.**

**SOMETHING QUEER INHABITING SKIES  
OVER WANGANUI**

Something very queer, apparently, is at the moment inhabiting the Wanganui skies. In the best flying saucer traditions it has been cavorting dizzily, or streaking at "heat barrier" speeds through the darkness. Yesterday afternoon—if it was the same uncanny visitor—it overcame the customary "saucer" aversion for broad daylight and turned on a speedy dash high across the Okoia area.

And while scoffers may smile, several people from widely-spaced localities have given independent descriptions of the same incidents!

At 10.20 o'clock on Thursday night, as the "Chronicle" reported, a cigar-shaped object was sighted. At least five people saw its strange aerial acrobatics to the south, and yesterday afternoon two women stated that at 9.30 o'clock the same night they had seen a cigar-shaped object while walking home from a Castlecliff meeting.

When first noticed it was approaching them from the direction of the Wanganui racecourse and it passed directly over their heads at terrific speed. They described whatever it was as having a long tail, and being very brightly coloured near the tail.

One of the women immediately shouted in alarm, and drew the other's attention. As it passed overhead, a swishing sound was heard.

A boy came into the "Chronicle" office last evening to draw what he had seen to the south of the city.

**Daylight Sighting**

Yesterday afternoon, about 6.20 o'clock, Mrs. V. Daniels and her husband, of Moana Street, were travelling on a motor-cycle in Wanganui East.

Suddenly, in the direction of Okoia, they saw an intensely bright green light rocketing along high above on a south to north course.

So bright was the object, which Mrs. Daniels said was half the size of a full moon, that it could be seen clearly even when it passed behind light clouds.

The strange thing about it, Mrs. Daniels told the "Chronicle," was that, unlike a meteor, it was moving parallel with the ground, and several times for brief periods the light went completely out. Each time after this occurred its beautiful greenish colour changed momentarily to white.

"We saw it for about five seconds. It simply came out of nowhere and then vanished just as suddenly into space," she added. Behind it was a greenish vapour trail—in appearance similar to that left by a high-flying jet.

Mr. and Mrs. Daniels were living in Auckland last September, when similar sighting there caused a great deal of comment, and she said that what passed over Okoia yesterday was the same sort of thing.

At exactly the same time a Gonville resident was looking out her kitchen window, facing north-east, when she saw a green and red object shoot across the sky at a terrific speed and disappear behind a cloud.

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"Star," Thames, 7th September, 1956.

### Flying Saucer?

"I saw a round shining silver disc streaking across the sky from the direction of Paeroa," said Robert Hanna, when reporting a strange sight in the sky about 11 a.m. on Wednesday. There was a vapour trail behind it and it disappeared, leaving a small cloud in the direction of the Una Hill. It was as fast as lightning.

### STRANGE OBJECT OBSERVED OVER CASTLECLIFF

Two Wanganui residents observed an unusual object in the sky above Castlecliff last night, at about 10.20, when they were standing on the beach.

The object, which was highly illuminated in vivid red and green colours, stood off in the sky in a southerly direction, travelling at a high speed, with an upward tendency.

For a while it hovered, then zig-zagged, came towards the earth, zig-zagged again, and then pursued an up-and-down motion, with a red light revolving amid a stream of beams of green.

The object was cigar-shaped and after ten minutes in the vision of the observers, proceeded in a southerly direction at a terrific speed.

Two Australian visitors to Wanganui confirmed earlier reports of the strange illuminated object seen in the sky last evening. They were in the Castlecliff area at 10.20 p.m. when they observed an elongated "something" hover temporarily, before disappearing at great speed in a southerly direction.

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"Taranaki Daily News," New Plymouth, 10th Sept., 1956.

### STRANGE LIGHTS SEEN AT STRATFORD

Several Stratford residents were mystified by fluctuating red and white lights in the southern sky over a period of seven minutes shortly after 11 p.m. on Friday.

The lights were first noticed at 11.8 p.m. by Miss Shirley Reed, Juliet Street, who was in a car with a friend in the drive of her parents' home. She saw a glow of red and white rotating slowly across the sky.

Her friend agreed it could not possibly be a falling star, and Miss Reed immediately awakened her brother, Brian. He confirmed the lights, as did three other members of the family.

#### Closely Allied

Brian claims the lights were closely allied in the slow though decisive movement over a period of seven minutes.

### FLYING SAUCERS

The white light was on top, with the red one appearing towards the rear. With a pencil held at arm's length the two lights appeared less than a quarter of an inch apart, or even only the width of the pencil, which led him to the belief that they came from one and the same source. There appeared to be a co-ordinated switching on and off.

There was no cloud.

Returning home from a cinema the same night at about 11.30 p.m., Mr. Collin Hosking, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Hosking, Cross Road, Wharehuia, saw an object in the sky proceeding towards New Plymouth which he likened to a flying saucer. He was putting the family car away in the shed some chains below the house and he dashed inside to tell his parents.

A rumbling first attracted his attention. Then followed a constant buzz, not unlike the sound of a jet plane in flight. The object was travelling very fast and gave off a reddish glow.

From inside the house Mr. and Mrs. Hosking clearly heard the sound.

A well-known Toko farmer who prefers anonymity was awakened by a drumming sound shortly before 11.15 p.m. He arose to satisfy his belief that it emanated from an aircraft heading in a northerly direction towards New Plymouth.

Unable to distinguish any pilot lights on the wing tips, he considered an orange light he saw to be the tail light. He estimated that the plane would be 2000 feet up and large.

Other Stratford people claimed that there was a heavy aircraft in the locality round about 9 o'clock on Friday night.

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"Daily Telegraph," Napier, 8th September, 1956.

### MANY REPORT OBJECT IN NAPIER SKY

A flying object with the colour-changing propensities of a chameleon sped across the sky above Napier and Bay View about 6.20 last evening, according to reports from people who saw it. A number of observers telephoned "The Daily Telegraph" after the object was sighted.

The large number of reports received since give varying descriptions of the object, ranging from pencil-like to saucer-like in shape, and red-brown to green-yellow in colour. The only unanimity concerns the time, and the direction in which it was travelling—north-west. Observers were emphatic that it was not a plane and that they heard no motors.

#### Jets on Ground

Inquiries this morning revealed that the four jet aircraft which arrived at Napier yesterday afternoon to stage a fly-past today over Hastings as part of the city celebrations, were all on the ground by 4 p.m. They revealed also, however, that a National Airways Corporation Dakota aircraft took off from the Napier Airport about 6.15 p.m. for Paraparaumu with navigation lights glowing.

Facts which do not tie in with the theory that the object seen by at least a dozen people was the Dakota are that the aircraft was travelling southward and that at exactly 6.18 p.m. it was travelling over the 2YZ transmitting station at Opapa at 6000 feet.

If the watches and sense of direction of those who reported seeing the object were inaccurate last evening, it could have been the Dakota. If not, the mystery is still unexplained.

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"The New Zealand Herald," 8th Sept., 1956.

### MYSTERY OBJECT SIGHTED IN AFTERNOON SKY

A former gunnery major, who spent five years overseas during the Second World War, yesterday telephoned the "Herald" to say he had sighted a shining, stationary

object in the afternoon sky. He said he had been driving his car on the main south road and saw the object when he was about one and a half miles south of Papakura. It looked like a meteorological balloon with the sun shining on it.

At about 3 p.m., the time of the sighting, there were no balloons released at all, said a weather office spokesman.

The man who sighted the object said it was perfectly round, about the size of a sixpence and was a shining white. He saw it for only about three seconds.

He added that it was about eight degrees above the horizon. The cloud level, he estimated, was about 3000 feet or 4000 feet.

"Hawkes Bay Herald-Tribune," Hastings,  
10th September, 1956.

### MORE REPORT SEEING BRIGHT SKY OBJECT

Two additional reports of sightings of the illuminated object seen in the sky over Hastings on Friday evening were received today, one from a Hastings resident and another from an Okawa farmer.

The Okawa resident said he saw the object for two seconds at about 6.22 p.m. It was a bright orange ball tapering to a long tail, travelling from south to north. He caught a glimpse of it as it crossed a clear patch of sky at high speed.

"Daily Telegraph," Napier, 12th September, 1956.

### SKY OBJECT WATCHED BY HUNDREDS OF AHURIRI PEOPLE

A small unidentified object hovering high in the sky attracted widespread attention at Ahuriri this morning. Hundreds of people stopped work and lined the pavements, gazing skyward.

Several people also reported seeing two silver discs scudding low over the horizon at a very high speed in a southerly direction.

For the full hour and a half that the small white object was visible, groups of people from many vantage points at Ahuriri followed it with their eyes, as it moved slowly across the sky. It was first spotted about 10.30 a.m., and it disappeared behind high cloud shortly before noon.

#### Moved Slowly

Mr. R. E. Gannaway, of the Ahuriri Post Office, who was one of the first to see the object, said that originally it appeared to be stationary. It was very high and when it first appeared to move it did so "very slowly." Later, it appeared to stop and then move again.

It was about half an hour after the first object was sighted that several people reported seeing the two discs speeding southward.

Inquiries have revealed that no weather balloons were set loose in the Napier area this morning. The nearest meteorological station which regularly releases weather balloons is at Gisborne, but it is stated that these would be at such a great height when they reached Napier that they would be invisible to the naked eye.

The surface wind this morning was from the north, but high altitude winds are not recorded at Napier and it is not known whether a balloon released at Gisborne early this morning would pass over the city.

Civil aviation authorities report that three aircraft arrived at Napier during the morning, one from Gisborne, which landed at 10.53 a.m., and two from Wellington, which landed at 10.38 a.m. and 11.46 a.m. Each took off again shortly after arrival but none of them stayed in the air above the city any longer than usual.

### "Taranaki Daily News," New Plymouth, 10th Sept., 1956. Mystery Explosion

A loud explosion startled many Wanganui people just before 7 a.m. on Wednesday. It was heard in many parts of the city but its origin and location remain a mystery. It was loudest at St. John's Hill, lower Aramoho, the city area, Springvale and Wanganui East. The most general opinion was that the explosion occurred close to the Aramoho railway station.

"Waikato Times," 11th September, 1956.

### CRITIC IS CURIOUS

A Frankton resident reported to the "Times" yesterday that he was trying to observe the planet Mars on Sunday with a pair of binoculars when his attention was attracted by a bright, white object that was travelling on a parallel course to an artificial horizon that was created by the ridge of a garage roof nearby.

The time, he noted, was about 9.17 p.m. The sky was comparatively clear at the time, he said yesterday. The object, however, was too far away, and travelling too fast for him to determine any shape or other particulars. The apparent size he said, was that of about a good-sized orange.

It was definitely not a comet, falling star or meteor, he claimed, and it was definitely not a plane, as it was noiseless and travelling at too great a speed.

The course it took was a southerly one, in a rough line from Kawhia to Whakatane. He watched it for approximately 10 seconds before it finally disappeared from view. A self-confessed critic of the flying saucer theory, he said that whatever it was he saw it was not anything ordinary, and he was curious to know the explanation.

"The Waikato Times," 11th September, 1956.

### CHURCH-GOING COUPLE SIGHT STATIONARY "FLYING SAUCER"

A report received this morning from a Hamilton resident casts further light on the present "flying saucer" mystery.

Two elderly ladies were walking along Harwood Street on Sunday evening, about 7 o'clock, on their way to church, when they sighted a large, bright, orange-coloured, cylindrical object stationary in the sky.

The couple watched it all the time as they walked the full length of Harwood Street, as it remained motionless.

It was in sight the whole time before they went into church. On coming out after the service, they looked for it again, but by that time the object had disappeared.

"The Nelson Evening Mail," 12th September, 1956.

### OBJECT IN SKY IDENTIFIED AS PLANET VENUS

A resident of Stoke has reported that he and his family watched a silvery object in the sky for an hour this morning between 7 and 8 o'clock. He said it was in a North-North-East direction from Stoke and appeared to be over the city.

The Meteorological Station at the aerodrome advised that no weather balloons were released in the Nelson area since 11 o'clock last night.

The probable explanation has been given by Mr. E. L. Morley, curator of the Atkinson Observatory.

He said that planet Venus, visible to the naked eye in daylight, is rising at present about two hours ahead of the sun and would be visible in the position described early this morning.

## LARGE FLYING OBJECTS SEEN BY TRAIN CREW

What they described today as four balls of intense white light, flying in perfect formation no more than 500ft. above the ground, were seen on Tuesday night by the crew of a north-bound freight train a mile and a half south of Muriwai, a small station 10 miles from Gisborne on the East Coast line.

The driver said that both he and his fireman had a clear view of these strange objects for several seconds before they suddenly shot skyward at a speed faster than a rocket.

"Fantastic," was how the driver described the phenomena. "I have been 35 years in this job and I'm not easily taken in. I have always been sceptical about these so-called flying saucers, but now I can say that I have actually seen one."

The train was running behind schedule and they had just come round a curve and had opened up on a straight section of track when he first sighted the four strange objects ahead of the locomotive and to the right of the train, said the driver.

### First Impression

"The time was 10.39 and the moon was nearly full, but the sky was cloudy," he added. "At first I thought I was seeing a reflection of the headlight on the telegraph wires, but then I realised that the poles were not so far away as that."

The driver said he saw clearly four large balls of intense white light—in circumference about the size of a small room—flying in perfect formation, with one ahead, two abreast and one astern.

"I was so amazed that I called to my mate on the other side of the cab," the driver added. "These objects would be no more than 500ft. above the ground and about half-a-mile away."

"They were circular in shape and appeared to be a mass of white light, but at the angle they were flying seemed to be gaining height gradually as though to clear a hill and cross the bay to Gisborne."

### Clear View

With the fireman, who had come over to the right-hand side of the cab, he had a clear view of the objects for at least 10 seconds, and estimated that they were within range of his vision for about 16 seconds, said the driver.

"We were both watching them, when, for some unaccountable reason, they suddenly changed direction, still in the same formation, and shot off at incredible speed high in the air and over the back of the train," the driver added.

By the time he and his fireman had crossed over to the other side of the cab the strange objects had disappeared.

"It was the most fantastic thing I have ever seen in my life," said the driver. "I'll have to stand a lot of roasting from my mates over this, but I'll stick to my story."

The phenomena was seen only by the driver and fireman. They checked with the guard at Matawhero, but from the brake van at the rear of the train he would see nothing unless standing out on the platform.

"Taranaki Herald," 18th September, 1956.

INGLEWOOD NEWS . . .

### SAW GREEN OBJECT IN SKY

A green object "of no definite shape," was seen in the sky by Mr. H. G. Florey, of Mahoe Street, Inglewood, at 10.10 last night. It came from a cloudbank in the north-west and seemed to be moving at an angle of about 45 degrees towards the horizon. As it moved away it changed colour with red on top to a lime-green, and then to yellow just before it disappeared.

Mr. Florey served for many years with the Royal

New Zealand Air Force and discounts the possibility of it being a meteor as it left no trail.

A similar arrow-shaped object was observed by Mr. Florey's wife over a week ago.

"The Gisborne Herald," 24th September, 1956.

## ANOTHER STRANGE LIGHT SEEN IN SKY

A further report of a strange object being seen in the sky was brought to the "Herald" on Saturday by a woman living between Makaraka and Matawhero, about six miles from Gisborne.

She said that at about 4 a.m. on Friday, September 14th, she raised the blind of a bedroom window and saw a bright white light in a north-easterly direction.

At first she thought it was the single headlamp of a car on the Waimata Hill, but it was moving in a circle within a fairly narrow compass.

### Apparent Tail

After watching the object for about half an hour, during which it rose a little higher in the sky and changed its shape from time to time, the woman roused her three children.

"It was round in shape, but not clear cut," she said. "It definitely had a green light on the left and when turning took on a longer shape and appeared to have a tail."

The light was so bright that she could not look at it continuously, but she had it under observation for about an hour. When daylight came the object faded.

"I do not believe in flying saucers, but I have never seen anything like this before," she said.

"Taranaki Daily News," New Plymouth, 24th Sept., 1956.  
STRANGE OBJECT . . .

A strange object "about the size of a dinner plate," was seen in the evening sky over New Plymouth by Mr. R. J. Cronin, 5 Drake Street, New Plymouth, on Friday. He watched it travelling at great speed for about 30 seconds before it disappeared.

Mr. Cronin said it was visible at about 8.25 p.m. and looked like a ball of fire. It changed quickly to a deep purple before it finally disappeared in the north-east sky.

"Greymouth Evening Star," 10th October, 1956.

## SEA STORY TO MATCH "FLYING SAUCER" REPORTS

HOKITIKA, This Day (O.C.)—Early morning travellers on the main south highway today were witnesses of a phenomenon at sea that makes a tale to match the spate of "flying saucer" stories of recent years.

On the otherwise clear horizon off Awatuna, what appeared to be a substantial land mass rose slowly out of the sea to a considerable height and then slowly subsided until only the straight line of a flat calm sea was visible.

While a compact area of sea mist could have been responsible for the phenomenon, its appearance was substantial and its dispersal sudden.

The cloud base at the time would have been approximately 3000 to 4000 feet and the horizon was otherwise clear from Point Elizabeth to Big Bay.

As the "island" disappeared a faint finger of light pointed down on the spot from a fleecy cloud at a 45-degree angle.

"Northern Advocate," Whangarei, 30th October, 1956.

## STRANGE LIGHTS . . .

"I don't know whether there was something wrong with my eyes, but they did look like flying saucers," said Mr. K. Schick, of Whangarei yesterday.

He was explaining how he had seen what looked like flying saucers flying around above Anzac Park.

Mr. Schick was driving to work at 5 a.m. when he saw a round ball of light moving in a circle high in the air.

On arriving at work he saw a different coloured ball performing the same trick in the same way.

"The Gisborne Herald," 29th October, 1956.

### "FLYING SAUCER" AT WAINUI

An unidentified flying object was sighted by Mrs. J. L. Cowan, of Wainui Beach, yesterday morning. Reporting her experience to the "Herald," Mrs. Cowan said the object was circular and emitted a bright, steady light. It traversed the horizon from west to east, accomplishing the passage in a few seconds.

The incident occurred at approximately 2.55 a.m.

"The Gisborne Herald," 30th October, 1956.

### STRANGE OBJECT SIGHTED OVER ORMOND

An unidentified object maintaining a hovering position for over half an hour and then moving off in a westerly direction, to disappear over the horizon was sighted by an Ormond resident early this morning.

The object, which had a bright orange light, was first observed at 2.25 a.m. when a member of the household got up to shut a door which had blown open.

The object was watched by two people for 40 minutes before it disappeared.

"Central Hawkes Bay Press," 28th November, 1956.

### LUCID ACCOUNT GIVEN OF SIGHTING OF MYSTERIOUS OBJECT

Awakened with cramp in a knee at about 2.10 a.m. yesterday a 58-year-old Waipukurau district farmer underwent the strangest experience of his life.

A beam of silvery light flashed on to a mirror in his bedroom through the open window. He turned to see the beam coming from a round object high in the sky.

As he moved towards the window the beam cut out, but the object—the same colour as the beam—remained motionless in the clear starlit sky.

After a couple of seconds the object vanished also but was followed by a fleeting impression of a sideways rotating movement. During the 10 seconds of these happenings no sound was heard.

The farmer is Mr. W. R. Kibblewhite, Hatuma, whose farm is 12 miles from Waipukurau and six miles beyond Hatuma. He has farmed there for 43 years and is well known in the district.

Mr. Kibblewhite has been troubled with cramp in one knee and when it woke him in the early hours of yesterday morning he got up to walk about in his room, to work it off. The blinds were up and the window was wide open.

With his back to the window he was just going to bed when a light flashed into the room on to the mirror in front of him, and he saw his own reflection.

Mr. Kibblewhite turned immediately, thinking someone outside was shining a torch through the window. He saw the light was a very bright beam, slanting down at an angle of 45 degrees.

Mr. Kibblewhite said today that the beam was a bluish silver colour, the like of which he had never seen before. "It was dense, so dense I could not see through it, but I could see all around it," he said.

The beam was exactly round, looking like a pipe, about a foot to 18 inches through, and its edges were clear cut, there being no diffusion of light from it. It did not light up the bedroom at all.

"The beam was on me for three to four seconds," recounted Mr. Kibblewhite. During this he had experienced

a very strong sensation—he felt as though someone was staring hard at him.

He had time for his eyes to follow the "tube" of light directly up to the object. The beam did not converge greatly. It did not move and the size and colour remained the same. As he took a step towards the window the beam shut straight off.

The object seemed a considerable distance away, and appeared about three times as big as a large star. It was completely round and was the same blue colour as the beam. The colour faded off toward the edges and there was an aura around it, with no very pronounced outline.

"The blue colour dominated everything," said Mr. Kibblewhite. As he continued to move towards the window the light suddenly went off, as the beam had done. The light cut out about three seconds after the beam had vanished.

The next thing he saw was a movement from left to right as though the object were rotating about its own axis. He saw this movement from a faint streak of lighter colour on the top edge of the object. This faint streak moved only about half the diameter of the previously bright object, and looked as though the rotation was picking up pace. Then the faint streak disappeared.

Mr. Kibblewhite saw nothing more, although he kept watching for another five minutes. He heard no noise or vibration. Weather conditions were calm and there was little, if any, sound of breeze. The sky was also clear.

During the whole of the time he saw the object it remained stationary, and, apart from the rotating impression, Mr. Kibblewhite saw no other movement.

His window faces toward Waipukurau and the object was in that direction. "When it disappeared I had a strong feeling it was going straight away from me," he said.

Giving an estimate of the distance of the object, Mr. Kibblewhite said it seemed to him that it was hovering about three miles away. He thought this because it had seemed to be directly above a clump of trees on Mr. C. Cranby's adjoining property, about that distance away. However, he said, it could have been a lot further away.

There was another strange aspect of the beam. It did not affect the eyes at all. Mr. Kibblewhite said he had seen searchlights in operation, and the blinding effect they had for a short period. There was nothing like that about this blue beam, he said. Also, unlike a searchlight beam, was the fact that the blue beam had been narrow and confined to itself.

Over the years he had been interested in reading about others seeing such things, but had never been sure about the reports. "This has convinced me there is something in them," he said.

"Central Hawkes Bay Press," 29th November, 1956.

### FARMER WAS PREPARED TO FACE HIS SCEPTICS

Although aware that his story would be subjected to sceptical comment, Mr. W. R. Kibblewhite, Hatuma, today said this fact had not deterred him from making known his experience of Tuesday morning of being spotlighted by a silvery-blue beam from an object hovering in the sky.

Mr. Kibblewhite said he had been dubious at first about making his story public, but when he had discussed it with his family they had persuaded him to tell the story to a newspaper.

He added that his family had no doubts he had seen the object, though no one else had.

Mr. Kibblewhite pointed out two extra facts he had previously overlooked when telling his story.

One was that when he had first seen the beam flash on to the mirror he was facing in his bedroom it had been

a very thin one—about three inches across—and he could see through it.

He had turned around and followed the line of this thin beam up to the object. There had been a blue flash from the object which did not dazzle the eyes and the big beam—a foot to 18 inches across—had come on.

The beam had been on him but as soon as he had stepped out of it it had cut off.

It was not until thinking about it afterwards that he had remembered the small beam as the large beam had so dominated the situation.

It had been as though the small beam had been a "feeler" for the big one, he said.

The second point was that when he had seen the object he had seen another small object near it. This other object was the same blue silver colour. He had thought it was a star as it had been the size of one.

However, he had taken another look at that area of the sky at the same time last night and there had been no star there. He assumed the smaller object had been the same as the first but further away.

**Asked what he thought of the whole thing, he said he was convinced he had been under observation in some way. He could think of no reason why that should be so.**

"Central Hawkes Bay Press, 3rd December, 1956.

#### HATUMA FARMER'S REPORT ON OBJECT IS CORROBORATED

Since last Tuesday Mr. W. R. Kibblewhite, Hatuma, has been a lone voice crying in the wilderness about the strange silvery blue beam shone on him from an object in the night sky. But now his story is supported by a report of a similar sighting on the same night from Puketapu, in the Napier district.

This other report comes from Mr. R. B. Reehal, Puketapu. At 11.30 p.m. last Monday night, two hours and 40 minutes before Mr. Kibblewhite's experience, Mr. Reehal saw exactly the same sort of beam.

It was shining into his room and woke him. He went out on to his verandah and saw the beam shining down through some poplar trees.

It came from an identical object to that seen by Mr. Kibblewhite, with the same flame edge around it.

Mr. Reehal described to his family what he had seen the next morning. They laughed at him and thought he was "putting one across." However, they changed their minds when they read of Mr. Kibblewhite's experience in a newspaper two days later.

The details of the beam and object given by Mr. Reehal were the same as reported by Mr. Kibblewhite.

Mr. Kibblewhite today commented on the theory put forward by a Waipukurau member of the New Zealand Royal Astronomical Society that the sight seen by Mr. Kibblewhite was the effect of the moon and Jupiter behind the clouds.

He said he did not know much about astronomy but was sure that if the astronomer had seen the object and beam he would not have the same idea. There were two points which did not seem to tie in, suggested Mr. Kibblewhite.

One was—would a beam be flashing on and off from the moon or Jupiter and would the light from either of these bodies be shut off so quickly.

The other point, said Mr. Kibblewhite, was that there were no clouds in that section of the sky and he could see the stars clearly and brightly.

We have to thank a professional gentleman resident of Waipukurau for forwarding the press reports of the Hatuma and Puketapu farmers' remarkable similar experiences the same night. Our Waipukurau correspondent, having known Mr. Kibblewhite for many years, was able to vouch for him. There are many cases on record where beams of light have been seen projecting directly from "U.F.O.s." hovering in the sky. Recently such incidents have become more frequent.—Ed.

Otago "Evening Star," 27th November, 1956.

CITY WOMAN SAYS:

#### PENCIL-SHAPED OBJECT SHOT FROM RAINBOW

Shortly after 7 p.m. yesterday, when it was still daylight, a flying object, described as one of the saucer variety, left a rainbow shining over Mount Cargill and shot at terrific speed eastwards in the direction of Port Chalmers. Mrs. R. J. McLaren, of 10 Littlebourne Road, a member of the Christchurch Interplanetary Committee, reported this to the "Star" this morning.

She stated that she was sitting at a window of her home watching the rainbow, which was glowing brilliantly and was flanked by a dark bank of cloud.

Then suddenly, she said, a long pencil-shaped object, with a pointed nose, left the rainbow at terrific speed, disappeared behind the large black cloud, reappeared again and disappeared finally again a few seconds later, leaving behind it a white streak in the sky resembling a vapour trail.

Mrs. McLaren, who has been keenly interested in the flying saucer question for many years, said that yesterday's object was the first she had seen.

A subsequent check with the Taieri aerodrome revealed that no aircraft or meteorological balloons were in the vicinity at the time Mrs. McLaren saw the object.

She said that she intended to report the incident to the organisation in Christchurch and would be interested to hear from representatives of any similar organisation in Dunedin.

#### INTERNATIONAL SIGHTING DAY SEPTEMBER 8th — A NUMBER OF INTERESTING REPORTS RECEIVED

Although C.S.I. Committee turned out in force with much equipment on September 8th and set it up on a most suitable high point, no "U.F.O." was sighted. However, some little time later a number of interesting reports were received from Press and private sources. There were one or two others, but like the many other reports that were left out of this issue, their details and length of duration were brief only.

"The Waikato Times," 11th September, 1956.

#### THREE "SAUCERS" SIGHTED DURING 24-HOUR WATCH

According to a report received yesterday from the Director of Flying Saucer Investigators, Mr. J. E. Stuart, of Claudelands, three "unidentified flying objects" were observed on Saturday—the International Saucer Sighting Day—during a 24-hour watch.

Two large objects were sighted, as well as a small, disc-shaped object, said Mr. Stuart.

The first object was sighted at 8.17 p.m. by Mr. Stuart's son, Lee, who described it as being about 12 inches in apparent length, and orange in colour. The speed was estimated at approximately 1000 miles per hour and it was travelling from north to south. There was grey-coloured "smoke" issuing from the tail. A sketch of the object was forwarded to the "Waikato Times."

"At 9.15 p.m., a disc-like object was observed," writes Mr. Stuart. "It was travelling from east to west, and was directly over the Claudelands area. It was too high to make any estimate. The apparent size was that of a half-crown. The speed was approximately 1200 miles per hour. It was in view for about five seconds. The

observers of this object are quite certain it was not a meteor. The colour was of orange-red."

#### Five "Portholes"

There was a lull until 3.27 a.m. when the Director of "F.S.I." and a witness observed a large, cylindrical-shaped object in the eastern sky. Mr. Stuart writes: "It appeared to be a cylinder with the end cut off. The nose of the object was a very bright yellow, while the remainder was an orange-yellow in colour. It travelled in a north-westerly direction, almost in a line with Raglan.

"The apparent length of the object was about 14 inches, and it was approximately 1000 feet in altitude. There could be seen long tongues of flame issuing from the tail."

Mr. Stuart reported that they observed five brilliantly lighted "portholes" or windows in the side. The object, which he said, "appeared self-luminous," was travelling at an estimated 900 to 1000 miles per hour.

The last seen object corresponded closely with that seen by a Taupiri resident last Thursday.

"*Otago Evening Star*," 13th September, 1956.

### SIGHTING IN DUNEDIN REPORTED

The people of "Saucerland" must have got wind of the national interest being taken in flying saucer sighting day (Saturday, September 8), for that week-end, as far as one Dunedin spotter was concerned, was not without incident. Mr. D. A. Metcalf, a member of Civilian Saucer Investigations, reported to the "Star" today that he sighted, for about 10 seconds, a "cigar-shaped" object about 2000ft. above Broad Bay.

Mr. Metcalf, on that particular week-end, was returning with his wife by car from Portobello to Dunedin.

The object was definitely not a figment of the imagination," says Mr. Metcalf. He spotted it at 12.40 a.m. on the Saturday after his wife had drawn his attention to it.

What attracted his attention most was a "large bright, white, cigar-shaped object travelling very fast upwards and to the west from the east."

From the rear of the saucer came a strong white light. In the middle of this bright light was a small red one.

"The cigar-shaped object shot out a large, round, glowing, white object which flew upwards over our heads and out of sight to the south," said Mr. Metcalf.

"Since Saturday night I have watched the lights of cars on the road over Mt. Cargill and they compare as glow-worms to the moon. Even an engine and carriages had no comparison," he added.

He rules out Mars—"it is only a fraction of the size of these lights."

But what does compare favourably is the near-half moon seen now, except that it is not nearly as bright.

Other observations were:

Distance: About three miles from his car.

Size of large object: Compared with two railway carriages.

Size of small object: Half the size of one carriage.

Speed: About 600 m.p.h., taking N.A.C. planes crossing the city as a criterion.

"*Taranaki Daily News*," New Plymouth, 10th Sept., 1956.  
Sighting Saturday, 7th September.

### FLYING KIDNEY AT MOKAU

"A kidney-shaped, illuminated object" travelling fast in a westerly direction was seen by four people from the Mokau farm of Mr. E. R. Morris at 9.45 p.m. on Saturday. They were Mr. and Mrs. Morris and their visitors, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Smith, formerly of Mokau.

Mr. Morris, going out to feed some pet lambs, saw

the object first as he was passing through the door, and called the others to come and look. When he saw it, it seemed far away already, and was moving rapidly away from the house. Its diameter appeared to be about two feet six inches, and it was travelling low in the sky. It seemed to be moving "straight for Paritutu," and he wondered yesterday why no one else had reported seeing it.

The other three watched the object for varying short periods, but Mr. Smith was the only one to watch it until it disappeared. It had a flat under-side and was rounded on top, he said. There was more light round the top, although the rest of the object was well lighted.

He watched the object for about a minute until it disappeared towards the horizon. At the last, he said, it seemed to drift away until it became about the size of a star and a bluish colour, and then he thought it seemed to disintegrate, or the light went out. The night at that time was so dark he thought it would have been invisible without its light.

Both he and Mrs. Morris, who have seen large meteors, felt quite sure it was not a meteor. It could not have been a plane either, they said. It was very large, and no plane was so extensively lighted.

### Sighting at Appleby, Nelson, New Zealand, September 8th, 1956:

Golden Acres, Appleby.  
15/9/56.

Dear Sir,

A few notes as promised. It was at 9.45 p.m. when I first sighted the object in the sky. It was a brilliant orange in colour and shaped like the moon in its first quarter. It was travelling in a southerly direction. I was amazed at the sight and went back to the dance hall to get two friends.

We viewed the object for several minutes and at one stage it appeared to part in the centre, into two parts, and moved away from each other for 30 seconds. The parts then came together again, it now looking like a large star. We watched it until it faded from our sight. It certainly did not fall out of sight, but travelled in a southerly direction.

The three of us who witnessed the strange experience were Pauline Solly, Colin Bell and myself.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) JOHN CHALLIS.

Sighting report on September 8th, 1956, witnessed by Mr. C. Spencer, Glen Eden, J. E. Pile, Glen Eden, and D. L. Spencer.

### Three Glen Eden People Sight High Flying Object:

At 1.40 p.m. on 8th September, Mr. C. Spencer, J. E. Pile and D. L. Spencer sighted and observed a silver oval-shaped object, manoeuvring and at times hovering in a clear sky. With the aid of binoculars, the object was kept in sight for ten minutes. "It appeared to hover, wheel away and hover again," they said, in a detailed report to C.S.I. The object appeared to be at a great height and finally disappeared in the western sky. The binoculars were 16x60 German Leitz. Although the object remained in clear sky, there were cloudy patches nearby. The observers were quite certain they were not watching a bird, plane or met. balloon.

### YOUR MAGAZINE DID NOT ARRIVE

If your copy of "Flying Saucer" does not arrive within one month (overseas 2 months) following due dates each quarter, i.e., end of January, April, July, October, please let us know. We will send you a replacement if copies are available.

# New International Lunar Society

In the 15th October (monthly) release of "THE SAUCERIAN BULLETIN" Editor Gray Barker passes on some very important and interesting news on Dr. H. Percy Wilkins, immediate past Director of the Lunar Section of the Royal Astronomical Association of Great Britain. Dr. Wilkins is the author of such books as "OUR MOON," "MYSTERIES OF TIME AND SPACE," and a more recent professional work, co-authored by Patrick Moore, "THE MOON."

Dr. Wilkins will best be remembered to you by his dramatic announcements late in 1953 of the discovery of a large "Moonbridge" formation, spanning a vast chasm on the moon's surface, and other equally unusual apparently inexplicable new formations and features becoming visible on the moon's surface. (Major Donald Keyhoe, in his new book, "THE FLYING SAUCER CONSPIRACY," English edition available soon, has an excellent chapter dealing with this.)

Gray Barker recently wrote to Dr. Wilkins and here we quote in part his answer to Mr. Barker:

"Dear Gray Barker,

First let me say we would welcome you and your friends in this Society, and the leaflets will explain things. Because of opposition to my views, I resigned from the British Astronomical Association. I have seen quite a number of strange things on the moon, such as glows and apparently new formations in regions I am familiar with. The best of it is that I have used very large telescopes, including the 33-inch refractor at Meudon Observatory, France, the third largest refractor in the world. It was not possible for the critics to do much in the face of this, but they concentrated on bitter personal and spiteful reviews of my books, especially "THE MYSTERIES OF SPACE AND TIME," in which the views were set out. In a case such things as the Lunar Section of the localised Society, such as the B.A.A. one, are now largely outmoded. What is wanted is an International body, free from petty spite and jealousy.

Also it was not believed that I saw two "U.F.O.s" while in the U.S.A. (at Charleston, West Virginia—Ed.). I believe they were natural things and possibly of a military nature. But they looked strange and are reported in the book I have mentioned. I was not orthodox for the older people on the Council of the Association. But I believe in freedom of expression and the right of everybody to report what he sees. So I resigned and now have plenty to do in the formation of this new Society. We are now nearly 200 strong, and include many professionals, such as Urey of Chicago, Dollfus of France, Alter of Los Angeles, all interested in the moon from different angles. And amateurs are also included. In the Journal will be reported what has been seen regardless of the "status" of the author or whether it is "orthodox" or not. In fact, the truth at last. Thank you for writing and I trust you will enrol. I am confident that you will never regret it." (Signed, H. Percy Wilkins.)

On noting the above news I immediately airmailed Dr. Wilkins for all relevant information, requesting it be sent airmail return, so that we could publish the details of the new "INTERNATIONAL LUNAR SOCIETY," so giving New Zealanders the opportunity to join this new thrust for freedom of expression, and reporting what has been seen, etc. In my way of thinking, if these "so orthodox" societies don't soon "see the light" they will eventually fade into the backwoods.

Here is Dr. Percy Wilkins' letter in reply, just received:—

## FLYING SAUCERS

35 Fairlawn Avenue,  
Bexleyheath, Kent,  
England.

Dear Mr. Fulton,

Thank you for your letter re the "International Lunar Society." Its purpose is to correlate lunar research and present the truth regardless, whether or not it agrees with orthodox opinions. There is no subscription, only the cost of the Journal, the first to be issued next March and to contain papers, items of interest, etc., in French, German, Spanish and English, so that everyone can understand. Of course, this first number will be largely occupied with a list of Fellows and addresses, etc. There are also bulletins of items of current interest four times a year; the first came out last month.

There is a President, Vice-President, General Secretary, Permanent Secretary, Editor, Assistant Editor and Librarian; also in each country one or more "Recorders" who will send in items of interest, papers, etc., from their country. Fellows in all countries can also send in directly.

Excepting the Permanent Secretary, Professor A. Paluzie, Diputacion 337, Barcelona, Spain (Secretarial address), all the officers will hold office for two years and then be replaced by new officers of different nationalities. This will ensure a truly international status. The present officers, due to vacate on January 1st, 1958, are:—President, myself; Vice-President, Professor W. H. Haas, New Mexico, U.S.A.; General Secretary, Herr Roth, Germany. Professor Paluzie is also Editor; Mr. Patrick Moore, Assistant Editor; and Mr. R. Baum, Librarian.

Anybody who wishes to be associated with and become a FELLOW (F.I.L.S.) should write to the Permanent Secretary at the given address. The Fellowship Certificate, printed in the four languages, will be sent to him or her, signed by myself and Professor Paluzie.

The cost of the Journal, to be printed in Spain, is not settled, but the cost to Fellows will be around 7/6 to 10/- per year for two Journals (every six months) and four Bulletins.

Fellows should communicate with others in different countries. All aspects of lunar research will be dealt with. Many very eminent professionals have enrolled.

I have entered you for Fellowship. The Society is growing rapidly, the cost is almost nothing and its international status is unique.

Yours sincerely,

H. P. WILKINS.

There you have it, fellow New Zealanders. I know many of you will be extremely interested in this new development. A little more of the TRUTH and less "orthodox acceptable" information is what we have all been searching for. Here is your opportunity to apply for Fellowship and obtain a new, exclusive astronomical publication quite unique today. The least you can do to help is to make your application immediately to Professor A. Paluzie, Permanent Secretary, International Lunar Society, Diputacion 337, Barcelona, Spain. Don't forget to mention where you saw this information.—Ed.

## Radio Debate: Desmond Leslie v. Patrick Moore

The London "Radio Times" 30th November reports that on its Tuesday, 4th December, "First Hand" programme, Saucer book author Desmond Leslie will argue for the existence of "u.f.o.s" against a firm disbeliever in the person of Patrick Moore, astronomer, space-travel author. TV cameras were ready on roof in case a "saucer" should appear.

# Scientist Finds . . Some Saucer Reports

## Still to be Satisfactorily Explained

(By C. A. Maney, head of the department of physics at Defiance College; translated from "Toledo Blade" May 1st, 1955, with the author's authorization.)  
Credit: Jose Escobar Faria, President "Flying Discs Research Centre," 8449, Sao Paulo, Brazil.

The subject of flying saucers has from time to time engaged the attention of the American public since the summer of 1947. On June 24th of that year a businessman, Kenneth Arnold, flying in his private plane over the Cascade Mountains in the state of Washington, reported observing a chain of nine disc-shaped objects flying with tremendous speed.

The objects sailed over the peaks in a manner resembling the skipping of flat stones thrown across the surface of a pond. Mr. Arnold described the unidentified objects as "flying saucers." The story of his fantastic experience captured the fancy of the public. Since that date literally thousands of reports of strange aerial phenomena from all parts of the world have been reported by the press from week to week.

It would take volumes to describe in detail all the phenomena said to have been observed in the skies over this planet during the past eight years. There are historical records going back into the remote past giving isolated instances of strange, unexplainable aerial occurrences. But starting in 1947, the number of such reports suddenly increased a thousandfold.

In spite of all the material available to the serious student of these phenomena, very little is definitely known. Controversy still rages between those who doubt the reality of these sightings and those who declare that they are definitely what they appear to be, actual fast-moving material objects seemingly intelligently manoeuvred.

The Air Force Technical Intelligence Centre at Wright-Patterson Field, Dayton, maintains a continuing investigation of such reports. The Department of the Air Force recently issued a detailed statement on this subject which can probably best be summarized by the following excerpt:

"The Air Force would like to state that no evidence has been received which would tend to indicate that the United States is being observed by machines from outer space or a foreign government. No object or particle of an unknown substance has been received and no photographs of detail have been produced."

Only one American institution of high learning has sponsored research in this field. Ohio Northern University undertook such a study in August, 1952, under the leadership of a former dean of that institution, Dr. Warren Hichman. The project was closed two years later voluntarily because of the inability of those in charge of the study to secure sufficient co-operation from other agencies elsewhere similarly engaged, to share like information.

Quoting from the report of this University: "Project A is closing merely because we possess no means of obtaining further information with which to make a study." The work at Ohio Northern did lead, however, to the statement of a definite conclusion arrived at by the group in charge. This reads in part as follows: ". . . a sizeable fraction of the sightings throughout the country were sightings made of material objects . . . not standard aircraft . . . possessing ability to manoeuvre at extremely high speeds."

Very few American scientists have as yet committed themselves publicly as believing that these unidentified

flying objects actually do exist, although a number have expressed doubt as to the reality of the phenomena. In this connection it might be interesting to note an extract quoted from a directive issued by an Air Force officer a short time ago. This reads as follows: "At this time we are experiencing renewed reporting of unidentified flying objects by ground observer personnel. This information is available to the Air Force in evaluating the situations surrounding the sightings of flying objects."

One prominent aeronautical specialist expressing himself on this topic is Major Donald E. Keyhoe, former chief of information for the Aeronautics Branch, Department of Commerce, author of "The Flying Saucers Are Real," and "Flying Saucers From Outer Space." Major Keyhoe states positively that these objects originate from outer space.

Dr. Maurice A. Biot, a leading aerodynamicist in the United States and a prominent mathematical physicist, is quoted by "Life" magazine as declaring: "The least improbable explanation is that these things are artificial and controlled . . . My opinion for some time has been that they have an extraterrestrial origin."

A few aeronautical engineers of other nations have definitely given expression to their convictions on this subject. These include Dr. Walther Riedel, now in the employ of the United States Government, formerly chief designer at the German rocket laboratory at Peenemunde, who says: "I am completely convinced that they (flying saucers) have an out-of-world basis."

The "American Weekly" of October 24, 1954, quotes Professor Oberth of Germany, an internationally known authority on guided missiles and whose technical writings were said to be of vital importance in the development of the German's famous V-2 rocket, who argues, "It is my thesis that flying saucers are real and that they are space ships from another solar system."

"The London Sunday Dispatch" quotes British Chief Marshal Lord Dowding, commander-in-chief of the Royal Air Force and one of Britain's foremost aviation experts, as stating: "I have never seen a flying saucer, and yet I believe that they exist."

The material presented in this article covers one type of these strange occurrences which recently have attracted quite a bit of attention among those interested in the study of the subject. One of the most interesting happenings took place not long ago in Ohio.

This occurred last October 22, some 15 miles northwest of Columbus, Ohio. The pupils of Jerome Elementary School had been granted an extra recess that afternoon as a reward for good behaviour. As described by one of the two teachers of the school, Mrs. George W. Dittmar, "It was one of those glorious warm fall days and the whole sky was a clear blue.

"The attention of the children became directed toward a strange object in the sky circling high above the school. The object was dazzling bright and cigar-shaped. The children watched the object awhile before thinking to call their principal, R. R. Warrick. In response to their shouts, Mr. Warrick came out to the fire escape in time to observe the object at that moment hanging high and motionless in the sky. Then the ship made off at tremendous speed, disappearing rapidly from view.

Mr. Warrick called Mrs. Dittmar, who at once came out on the fire escape too late to observe the object, but in time to observe a most beautiful scene. For, as the object darted away, there appeared another strange sight.

The air as high and far around as the teachers and children could see was filled with "the most beautiful, soft, white-looking tufts like cotton slowly floating to the ground." Mr. Warrick said it was almost at once as the object disappeared that this material began to show in the sky. For about 45 minutes they watched this fibrous material floating downward.

The children brought up pieces of it to the fire escape for Mr. Warrick and Mrs. Dittmar to examine. In the words of Mrs. Dittmar, "the substance had long fibres very much as if someone had taken strands of 'angel hair' and pushed some in bunches toward the middle or end, leaving a trail of fibres attached to it. It was very fine and soft to touch. It did not stick to our hands, but when we held two ends and pulled, it stretched without tearing. Where it stretched it had a shiny appearance. The part we held between our fingers very quickly seemed to go to nothing."

"However, we could roll it between our fingers into a very, very tiny ball. In a short while our hands had a green stain on them. I soon washed my hands in warm water and the stain rinsed quickly off. Mr. Warrick said he was leaving his on his hands to see what would happen. He later said his hand became clammy and finally the colour disappeared of its own accord."

Mrs. Dittmar goes on to say, "When we left school, we noticed it clinging to the grass, flagpole and some on the cars. I believe the thing that impressed me even further was what we saw as we drove the three miles to the Columbus Road. The telephone wires were completely woven shut, as if hands had carefully spread 'angel hair' out very evenly. Not only this but the telephone wires were connected to the electric wires on the other side of the road, so that it was a mist canopy over the road for three miles. No more seemed to be coming down by this time."

In addition to the statements my Mrs. Dittmar and Mr. Warrick, it seemed advisable to get testimony from the children. So in answer to my request, Mrs. Dittmar suggested to some of the sixth grade pupils that a college professor would like their stories about what they had seen. Letters from six of the children were received. Mrs. Dittmar wrote that she had "no desires to try to excite the children or work them up in any way." But those that did write, freely of their own accord, and without any prompting or suggestions from their teacher, were more impressed by the fact that a college professor was interested in getting letters from them than by their strange experience. Mrs. Dittmar explains, "I did not tell them to write the paper. I did not tell them what to write."

The letters of the children are most interesting, each child telling in his own words what he or she saw. These letters support in an impressive way the more detailed statements of the teachers. There is no question in my own mind of the sincerity and truthfulness of these statements. The writer makes no effort to interpret the phenomenon witnessed by these two teachers and their pupils. It is up to the reader to pass judgment as to the reality of what was experienced.

Other similar occurrences also can be brought up for review. A reporter for the "Valley Times," North Hollywood, Calif., told of a similar event in the San Fernando Valley, November 16, 1953. Mr. and Mrs. Louis Dangelo and neighbours were watching three jet planes, when behind the planes they noticed a silvery ball. The jet planes landed and Mrs. Dangelo describes what then took place. The silvery ball "moved up and down and even sideways. Finally a long streamer of white stuff—almost like vapour trail—spewed out its back end. It detached itself from the ball and began settling earthward. It spread out, stringy, sort of like white wool being shredded, and it dropped down all over the neighbourhood like cobwebs. Wires running to our homes turned white. They still sparkle at night."

Samples of this material were secured by an engineer of Lockheed Aircraft Corp. Engineers from North

American Aviation and from Douglas Aircraft also were on the scene. Reports are that the material "could not be analyzed." Quoting further from the "Valley Times" article, "the material looks like finely shredded wool or spun glass. Held between the fingers for a few moments it dissolves into nothing. Mrs. Dangelo, describing its static qualities, said it often seemed to 'jump' from a bush or tree and cling to one's hair." The newspaper published three photographs of the material.

Lieut. Col. James McNarama, U.S.A.R., in "Pageant" magazine for November, 1954, tells of a similar incident occurring on February 1, 1954, also in the San Fernando Valley. This phenomenon was observed from two localities independently by different persons.

On the same day some 30 miles away in the San Fernando Valley, Mrs. Mel Barnes was watching a jet plane manoeuvring. Then she saw a "round ball near the plane, but going faster than it. The ball was about three times the size of a full moon. It was plain, dead white, but didn't glisten. Suddenly a stream of white lace substance flowed from the ball. Then the ball went straight up and disappeared."

The material fell over an area estimated as three city blocks. It caught on trees, fences, and telephone wires. An investigator from Lockheed Aircraft Corporation secured a sample of the material.

"The Oakland (Calif.) Tribune" told of a sighting at Pleasant Hill, Calif., and a like recovery of whitish substance emitted by the objects.

A number of reports of like phenomena observed in other parts of the world have been noted in recent years—in Australia, France and Italy.

Upon the basis of the accounts, it is not possible, of course, to arrive at very definite conclusions as to the true character of the phenomena described. It is contended, however, that material has been presented which forcibly points to the reality of what has taken place in many places at various recent times throughout the world. It is difficult to understand how one could conclude that all of these incidents are delusions, hallucinations, mirages, skyhook balloons, the planet Venus or what have you. And yet these are the so-called deductions of many orthodox scientists.

One feature of the problem is the tendency of some scientist to issue statements denying the validity of reports on saucer sightings along with unqualified ridicule of the entire subject and all persons connected with it. It is quite apparent to a serious student in this field that those responsible for such statements have made little if any serious effort to investigate for themselves. It is recognized that such persons within their own fields of specialization might be thorough and cautious in arriving at conclusions. It may be questioned whether a true scientist would be prone to ridicule the claims of any field of investigation not his own, certainly not until he has patiently and thoroughly attempted to evaluate a considerable body of the material pertaining to that field.

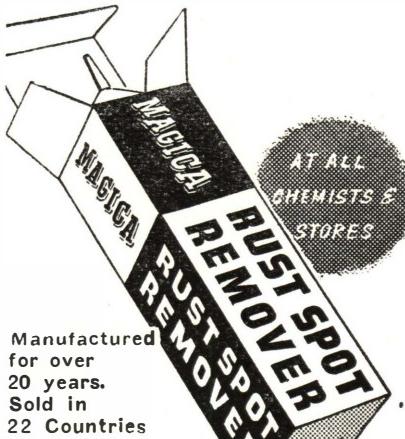
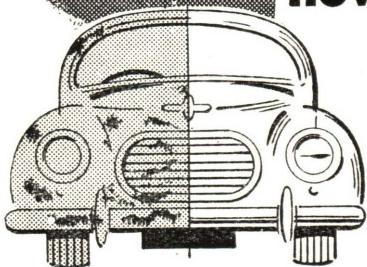
The true scientific attitude or approach to any subject for investigation is that of an open mind—to let the facts as they can be best appraised spell out the conclusions.

#### MAJOR DON KEYHOE'S THIRD BOOK

An airletter in reply to ours dated 7th December from Hutchinson House, Ireland Yard, St. Andrew's Hill, London, E.C.4, states in part: "We write to acknowledge receipt of your enquiry dated 21st ult., and this is to inform you that we hope to publish Major Donald Keyhoe's work "FLYING SAUCER CONSPIRACY" about February next year. The price of the book will be about 15/- net, plus postage 6d per lb." (February, 1957.)

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### O B I T U A R Y

#### LOSS OF MOST EXCELLENT SECRETARY

The sudden death of Mr. Lionel David Page at 1.30 p.m. on Saturday, 24th November, came as a nasty shock to those members of C.S.I. who were close to Mr. Page in our work.

Mr. Page, despite his age, was most robust, and the possessor of a very lively and active mind. As Secretary he had worked closely with Mr. Fulton, who found him a most thorough gentleman and a most excellent Secretary. It will be a long time before we hope to find someone to replace Mr. Page.

The President and Mrs. Weitzner attended the funeral and the organization provided a nice wreath.

The "Auckland Star" of November 27th kindly made the following mention: "Mr. Lionel David Page, Secretary of Civilian Saucer Investigation (N.Z.) for the past two years, has died in Auckland, aged 76.

Born in Wellington, Mr. Page studied Dentistry and qualified in London. He practiced in various parts of Australia, New Guinea and South Africa. He had been living in retirement in Auckland for the past ten years. Mr. Page was a bachelor.

### THE TRUTH ABOUT FLYING SAUCERS

by Aime Michel

On the 28th November Robert Hale Ltd., English book publishers, informed C.S.I.: "We expect to publish "The Truth About Flying Saucers" during March, 1957" (meantime some American editions are coming to hand. Write Murray Organization.)

### GENERAL MEETINGS, 1957

General Meetings for 1957 will be held every FOURTH Wednesday in month, commencing with February. Please note, some months have five Wednesdays. Place: Unity Lecture Hall, 1st Floor, 323 Queen Street, Auckland. Time: 8 p.m.

### JAPAN FLYING SAUCER GROUP

Signed by Yusuke Matsumura, Chief, News Bureau, an airletter has just been received from the above Japan "u.f.o" research body. Their address, "FLYING SAUCER RESEARCH GROUP IN JAPAN," Isogo P.O. Box 3, Yokohama, Japan. (This group is making initial contacts, inquiring for samples of magazines, subs., etc.—Ed.)

# Brazil Says - SAUCERS REAL

The Brazilian Air Force in an official report has made the startling statement that flying saucers are real!

The report reads in part as follows:

"... On December 2, 1954, came the last and most important development in this matter. A conference was performed at the Army Technical School, patronised by A.D.E.S.G. (Superior Army School Graduates Association), a very responsible entity. The selected audience included important military personnel and civilian authorities. The subject to be discussed was entitled 'Flying Saucers.' Colonel Adil de Oliveira was in charge. He made a careful evaluation of all information and evidence collected throughout the world since 1947. He analysed Project Blue Book and studied seven outstanding cases from the project's files. He discussed the best Brazilian sightings and concluded making the following statements:

"1. Evidence shows that the saucers are real. No government could afford to ignore the reports about u.f.o.s., and all investigations should be made to determine the identity of any u.f.o. sighted over the country. The problem could be of military interest.

"2. The saucers appear to be some kind of revolutionary aircraft. They are not conventional phenomena or illusions. There are too many responsible people involved to say that the whole thing was a hallucination.

"3. We don't know where they come from, and we don't know the purpose of their survey. I hope some day we can solve the riddle and know the answers."

Finally, closing the conference, Brigadier Guedes Muniz said a few words: 'We military technicians and aeronautic engineers have not tried in the past to discuss the technological and scientific probability of these space vagabonds. And we are not trying to discuss it now, because we remember an old story, very good to be recalled here: "Years ago, the best aeronautic engineers in the world assembled together to study the horn-beetle flight. They analysed the horn-beetle, its aerodynamic shape entirely wrong, its flight surface tremendously deficient, its heaviness and its incredible power. After a great deal of reasoning and scientific experimentation they had made certain that the horn-beetle could not fly. But the horn-beetle, knowing nothing of this, is still flying!"' . . ."

(The above important report is from the *American Flying Saucer Review*, of Seattle, Washington.)

## NOW FLYING SAUCERS BECOME MAJOR ISSUE IN '56 CAMPAIGN

"New York World-Telegraph."

By INEZ ROBB.

Well, sir, I believe I have inadvertently uncovered the one issue that can easily supply the margin of victory in the 1956 Presidential race, if it's as close as the pundits predict.

So I am tossing it up for grabs between President Eisenhower and Adlai Stevenson, and may the best man win. To get down to cases, this is the great flying saucer issue, on which neither party has taken a firm or unequivocal stand.

Indeed, it is an issue on which no stand has been taken at all. And this, in itself, is an amazing, if not sinister, oversight on the part of the two major political parties, whose boast is that each has an ear to the ground and is in complete rapport with the American people.

If this boast were so, the GOP and the Dems would know that flying saucers are bigger than parity, prosperity

or party principles. They are of vital importance, as I can testify, to every man, woman and child in this nation who has access to pencil, paper and a 3-cent stamp.

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When I was in Idaho last month, E. L. Rayburn, an attorney and farmer of Twin Falls, and his two cowhands, Joe and Dick Parker, reported to the Twin Falls sheriff an historic event for the old West—the first case of cattle-rustling via flying saucer.

Mr. Rayburn said a saucer, 200 feet in diameter and giving off an orange glare, settled momentarily near a 400-pound white-faced steer. It obviously put a snath on the steer, for when the saucer made off with the speed of light, the animal had disappeared.

Since I reported this steer-napping, I have received a long ton of mail from flying saucer addicts, including one from Covington, Kt., who reports that Martians keep flying in and out of his room. This didn't alarm him particularly until last week, when one asked the way to Washington. My correspondent wants to know if he should contact J. Edgar Hoover.

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Obviously millions of Americans, and surely a winning margin in the national election, are passionate devotees of the flying saucer. And almost without exception they demand that I come clean about the embargo on flying saucer news by (1) the Air Force and (2) newspapers.

The writers complain bitterly about a sinister conspiracy on the part of both to suppress all news of flying saucers in person. And, furthermore, they suspect the Air Force of knavery and hanky-panky in the matter.

It is obvious that the first Presidential candidate who will come out frank, four-square and **unafraid** on the flying saucer issue and wring the truth out, as well as make the newspapers print it, will win in a walk. Or maybe in a flying saucer.

It is antiquated to promise every American two cars in his garage when what he really covets is a flexible flying saucer. O.K., Messrs. Eisenhower and Stevenson: Here is the issue, saucered and blowed. Take it away.

## C.R.I.F.O. ORBIT.

### SATELLITES TO HELP WATCH FOR "SAUCERS"

Following is the text of a recent newscast as announced by Ben Shirley of Radio Station WSMB, New Orleans. A copy of the transcript was procured by Richard Hall and sent to CRIFO with permission for publication. We quote from it as follows: "This is Ben Shirley at News Headquarters of the Air Force Association Convention in the Roosevelt Hotel. Dramatic news which could affect the lives of every man, woman and child on this Earth has been given exclusively to WSMB and this reporter. The basic story revolves around two of the most publicized events in the history of this or any other nation: Flying Saucers and the Earth Satellite Programme . . . For years, hundreds and thousands of reports of so-called flying saucers have been studied, analyzed, and reviewed by the U.S. Air Force, and by top scientists both in this country and abroad. As you know, some 30 or more countries are taking part in what is technically known as Project Vanguard . . . That project is the launching of those 20-inch globes into outer space next year by this country, as a part of its participation in the Geophysical Year. Now, here is the meat of this exclusive report to New Orleans and the world: WSMB had been told by some of the highest ranking government officials in this country that the Air Force, in spite of claims to the contrary, is vitally concerned about flying saucers. Publicly, the Air Force has never denied that these flying saucers could be space ships from other planets. Next year, when those earth satellites are shot out beyond

the earth's atmosphere, at least two, and possibly more of them, will be equipped with special electronic instruments which will be used to study flying saucers when they are observed. This has never before been told to the American people. But, the top scientists of this and other countries are convinced that flying saucers are not merely the results of somebody's imagination, or having too many highballs. They are **convinced**, even though no public announcement has been made, that the earth is under constant surveillance by these vessels from outer space, and it is for this reason that at least two of those multi-million dollar earth satellites will be especially equipped to study the so-called saucers . . . It all boils down to this: While this and other governments are officially ridiculing flying saucers, they are secretly doing everything possible to study the space ships. . . . This is Ben Shirley, returning you now to your studios . . . "

### LOS ANGELES - SPACEMAN "MON-KA" RADIO CONTACT NOVEMBER 7th FORECAST

The story in brief: Dick Miller, U.S. radio ham, brought magnetic tape recordings to England in August, 1956. He alleged that a spaceman had "precipitated" his voice onto the tape. The tapes were played to interested audiences at Caxton Hall, London. Saucerman "MON-KA," alleged from Mars, speaking on the tape, stated that on November 7th at 10.30 p.m. a brilliantly illuminated "craft" would hover over Los Angeles, and requested that local (U.S.) stations interrupt their regular transmissions at the appointed hour and stand by to relay a message to Earthman. A London business man, satisfied the tapes were authentic, reported to the London "Empire News" (23rd September). Resulting from the "Empire" story, much publicity to the promised event was given in the States. Stations KATY, San Luis, Obispo and CJOR, Vancouver, promised to stand by.

The forecast, boosted to real possibilities, caused world wide interest. Many sources had their ears wide open—just in case—but remained silent before the alleged promised event, said the "Empire News," reporting the failure of the "saucer craft" to show up on time and date. (Excerpts 11th November issue.)

"Hundreds of flying saucer enthusiasts gathered on hilltops, rooftops and beaches. Thirteen mobile radio receivers were strategically placed but no messages from Martian craft were received. KATY's Maynard Marquart said: 'We co-operated fully. It was very disappointing. Everything was ready to receive signals.'

The "Empire News" later reported that radar had plotted a speeding "u.f.o." over the immediate area (Los Angeles) that night.

To experienced "u.f.o." investigators this Los Angeles failure came as no surprise. There has been all sorts of "spaceman" message forecasts earlier on which have ended in equal fiascos. One of these days such a "out-of-this-world" hookup may really happen, but the spectators, worn out with dummy false runs, may well be looking the other way.

### MANY FORMS OF NATURAL PHENOMENA

Associates are strongly advised to enlarge their knowledge from the many excellent publications on how to better recognise the many common and uncommon forms natural phenomena may take. There is no denying that many reported observations of "unusual things in the sky" can be truthfully explained as unrecognised manifestations of natural phenomena or mistaken identity. Then again, too, we caution those who are too ready to lightly dismiss expert observations. That unkind and nastily sounding word "ignorance" equally applies to both extremes.

### NATIONAL INVESTIGATIONS COMMITTEE ON AERIAL PHENOMENA

1536 Connecticut Ave., N.W. Washington 6, D.C., Mrs. Colcord John, Director, "Little Listening Post," Washington, recently wrote C.S.I. Included most impressive Prospectus for new large Washington civilian investigatory group. We may be hearing more about this body. Intentions include publication of two new regular magazines. Full print, colour illustrated. One on "u.f.o." investigation, another space flight, technical articles, etc.

### "U.F.O. INVESTIGATION CENTRE"

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President: DR. W. P. CLIFFORD.  
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Secretary: MISS JUNE CROSER,

11 Woodbine Street, Balgowlah, N.S.W.

The above organization has members who have been associated with "u.f.o." research since early 1952. The original Sydney organization was directed by Mr. E. R. Jarrold, who chose to make a voluntary withdrawal from active investigations some years ago. The remaining members then reformed and became a branch of the Australian Flying Saucer Research Society, directed by Mr. Fred Stone of Kilburn, near Adelaide. On the 14th November, 1956, the Sydney people felt confident in matters of "u.f.o." research and decided to discontinue branch ties and become an independent organization. "U.F.O. INVESTIGATION CENTRE" has an impressive list of committee appointments, and is most active and should be a group to watch for favourable contributions to "u.f.o." investigations and findings.

### QUEENSLAND FLYING SAUCER BUREAU

Formed a few weeks back, this new Australian group shows interesting and promising enterprise. No publication yet.

President: MR. H. MIDDLEBOROUGH.

Hon. Sec.: MR. C. A. LEHMANN, 72 Bowen St., Windsor, Brisbane.

This organisation wishes to hear from all other groups.

### VANCOUVER AREA FLYING SAUCER CLUB G.P.O. Box 720, Vancouver, B.C., Canada.

Formed early in 1956, issues monthly Bulletin Sheet. This new Canadian Club is very active.

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# OVERSEAS Sighting Reports

## from AUSTRALIA

"Melbourne Argus," 16th May, 1956.

THE AMAZED FARMERS SAW . . .

### FLAMES DROP OUT OF THE SKY

"Fireballs" bombarded two farmers, three boys, and 500 sheep at Kilmore yesterday.

After they exploded about 11 a.m., they left a trail of fine, blue dust covering the ground about a quarter of a mile from the property of Mr. Vic Lowden.

Mr. Lowden, his two sons, Doug, 13, and Jimmy, 9; a neighbour, Mr. Albert Smith, and his son, Howard, 8, took several hours to scrub off the dust.

#### The sheep bolted

The fireballs, which made a display lasting half an hour, surrounded the sheep until they bolted.

They fell in fine weather, but rain followed in the afternoon.

The Weather Bureau said last night "fireballs" were possible at any time, particularly during and after thunder-storms. They mainly resulted from the clash of falling meteors.

From "Mercury," Hobart, Tas., 27th August, 1956.

### MYSTERY OBJECT IN SKY

The control tower staff at Cambridge airport had no knowledge of any mysterious object or explosion in the sky, as reported by some Hobart residents yesterday.

The object was reported by a Taroona resident who said he had seen an object about the size of a small aircraft descending with a smoke trail.

He said it was at about 12.30 p.m., and the object was travelling towards New Norfolk, seemingly over Lenah Valley.

Two or three minutes later he had heard a sound like a distant peal of thunder, or a jet plane.

He described the object as "cylindrical, whitish-grey, and certainly not a meteorite."

Others reported the noise, which they said they had heard about the same time.

Mr. T. Morgan, of Mt. Nelson signal station, said that at 12.57 p.m. as he was walking to work near the top of Mt. Nelson, he heard a loud explosion, which seemed to be over the Derwent, and felt the ground vibrate.

From the "Australasian Post," 6th September, 1956.

### A SIGHTING AT DARWIN

"Australasia's latest flying saucer scare from Darwin is coming in for a great deal of nation-wide comment. The greatest scepticism is being shown, oddly enough, by locals . . . First report came from a veteran charter pilot, who told R.A.A.F. security officers he had early last month seen 'a long, narrow, dimly-illuminated object' moving horizontally over the Darwin Airport at a fabulously high speed. This was closely followed by a report from crew members of an airliner, who claimed they had seen a similar shape 300 miles north of Darwin, at an altitude of about 29,000 ft. Both sightings of the 'thing' were on the same night."

From "Advertiser," Bendigo, Vic., 8th September, 1956.

### FLYING SAUCER?

GRAFTON (N.S.W.), Friday (AUP).—Residents today reported seeing a wingless, thimble-shaped object 36 hours after Squadron Leader K. B. Smith of the

### FLYING SAUCERS

Royal New Zealand Air Force sighted a strange object over Auckland.

Mr. R. D. Wall of Hallway Creek, near Grafton, described the object as shiny but much smaller than an aeroplane.

"It had a pretty ladder-like tail," Mr. Wall said.

Wall was working in the bush when he saw the object and watched it for about five seconds before it disappeared into a dark cloud.

He said he was sure the object was not an aeroplane or a meteor.

From "Courier," Ballarat, Vic., 21st September, 1956.

### "SAUCER" OVER BALLARAT?

A possible "flying saucer" was reported over Ballarat last night.

The Model Aero Club president, Mr. Don Blackam, of 904 Armstrong Street North, telephoned "The Courier" at 8.30 to report that a mysterious cluster of three objects had passed rapidly across the sky, heading west.

He said four persons had seen the objects which had the colour and brightness of electric light and appeared to be at a great height.

There appeared to be one large light with two others beside it, moving apart and were objects flying in formation.

Mr. Blackam said the objects were definitely not aeroplanes.

Although the clouds were moving in the opposite direction to the unidentified objects, he was certain they were not merely stars given an apparent motion by the movement of cloud.

From "Examiner," Launceston, Tas., 4th October, 1956.

### MYSTERIOUS OBJECT REPORTED

Two Wynyard men yesterday reported seeing a mysterious object in the sky near the town about 6.15 p.m. The object was moving towards Burnie.

They said it was balloon-shaped and was travelling at about the speed of a D.C.3 aircraft at a height of about 1000 ft. It was out to sea and proceeding along the coastline.

A check with Civil Aviation authorities at Wynyard and Launceston disclosed that no aircraft could have been in the area at the time, if on schedule, and no weather balloons or other apparatus were known to be in the vicinity.

An observer at Burnie watched the skyline for some time but saw no sign of the object.

From "Telegraph," Brisbane, Qld., 13th October, 1956.

### MYSTERY GREEN SKY LIGHT SEEN

People in northern New South Wales and southern Queensland are mystified by strange green lights.

A strange object which streaked across the sky early last night was seen to crash near Lower Dyraaba, 25 miles from Casino.

Reports of the lights on Thursday night and last night have come from Kyogle, Lismore, Evans Head, Casino, and Southport.

Mr. R. Beaumont, a Kyogle ambulance officer, said he was about 18 miles out of Kyogle in the Toonumbah State Forest early yesterday when a green light flickered on the side of the road.

"It was so bright that it blinded me," he said.

Mrs. Joan Lawrence, of Main Beach, Southport, said she was in bed when she saw a green flare shoot across the sky on Thursday night.

"It looked like a big green ball, with a long tail," she said.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence both said that the area was like day while the green light was overhead.

All reports stated that the lights appeared at about 8.30 p.m.

The Professor of Physics at the University of Queensland (Prof. H. C. Webster) said today that the green lights could be the effect of lightning or meteors.

On Thursday night a blazing meteor went within 200ft. of a Sabre jet plane at 15,000ft. north of Williamtown.

The light was also seen in Brisbane.

A New Farm woman today said it was so bright that it frightened her.

She said today that a workmate from Kangaroo Point had also reported seeing the flash.

## from EUROPE

### "Coventry Standard," Coventry, 14th September, 1956. THIS TIME THEY DID NOT LAUGH

It appeared in the night sky on the northern horizon and, within 15 or 20 seconds, had vanished to the south; it travelled at "thousands of miles an hour" and at great height—a light, flashing on and off as it sped through the clear, starry night. And watching it, wide-eyed, from Windmill Road, Longford, were five people. They had all heard of flying saucers and laughed... but they were too amazed to laugh as they gazed skywards at 10.30 last Friday night.

What was it? they are still asking themselves. Said one of the observers, Mr. Frank Moore, of 42 Windmill Road, Longford, a storekeeper at the Dunlop works: "We are still wondering. We joke about it now, but we didn't at the time. It was a flashing light and it went across the sky at what must have been thousands of miles an hour. It was much too fast for any aeroplane."

#### His wife, too

With Mr. Moore at the time were his wife, Mr. Walter Garland of the same address, Mr. Garland's brother, Thomas, of 5 Windmill Road, and Mr. Jack Coles, who also lives in the same road. The four men, Mr. Garland admitted, had just left the New Inn, Longford. "But we had only been in there for a few minutes," he hastily added. "And the wife saw it, too, as plainly as any of us."

### "Melton Mowbray Times," Melton, 21st September, 1956. FLYING SAUCER?

Four process workers at Petfoods Ltd., Melton, believe they saw a flying saucer when returning home from work one evening last week.

Travelling by car, Messrs. W. R. Castle, M. T. Dunne, N. Smith and J. Szczepaniki had their attention first attracted by a large orange coloured object moving at a fair speed across a dark, moonless sky. It was flat, like a biscuit, with dancing lights along its edges. It kept on a steady course at a regular height.

They lost sight of the object when they reached Rearsby, but their monitoring of the incident has been confirmed by two independent cyclists covering the same journey that night.

### "East Kent Times," Ramsgate, 10th October, 1956. A "THING" FLEW OVER THANET

A cylindrical, cigar-shaped object sighted travelling at a tremendous speed over Thanet on Saturday evening recalls the much-discussed tales of "flying saucers," although the occurrence was not "logged" by any official source.

This latest flying phenomenon, seen also by a representative of the East Kent Times and Mail, was described this week by Mr. F. J. Redwood, of 6 Telham Avenue, Ramsgate.

Walking with his wife along Newington Road, Ramsgate, at about 7.30 p.m., Mr. Redwood looked up and saw an incandescent green object, which had a blazing white tail, like that of a comet.

"I thought it was a comet or a shooting star but it did not stop or fall and it was going at such a terrific speed," he said.

"As I watched, it seemed to slow down and the tail became smaller. Then a similar object emerged from its side and each sheared off in a different direction."

The East Kent Times and Mail representative fixes the time he saw the object at exactly 7.12 p.m. His description is similar to that of Mr. Redwood, and he adds that it was moving in a south-westerly direction. It appeared to him that it was the tail which broke away from the main body, but he agrees that the speed was "fantastic."

At Manston a spokesman said there was no record of the spectacle. Deal Coastguard said it had not been "logged," but he had heard from outside sources that such an object had been seen.

### "Lancashire Evening Post," Preston, 12th October, 1956. FLYING SAUCERS OVER LANCASTER AND FYLDE?

Is this the Flying Saucer season? Following a "Post" report of an unidentified flying object over Preston on Saturday night, comes a letter from W. Kaye and C. Storer, from Kirkham Grammar School.

"We saw a similar phenomenon over the school at 8.48 p.m. on Tuesday, October 2nd," they write.

#### Yellow colour

It was flying due east at a very high speed. It was yellowish in colour and was too large to be a shooting star, and circular in shape. In the darkness it was impossible to judge its height, and so an accurate estimate of its speed is impossible.

"We are both very interested.

"On the night in question," they add, "our headquarters informed the meteorological station at Barton Hall, but no information has been forthcoming."

"Another "saucer" report comes from further north. Donald V. Garden, of Blades Street, Lancaster, writes—

#### Saw it dive

"I have just seen what I believe is a Flying Saucer. I was out for a walk last night (Tuesday, October 9th) with my brother, when, suddenly, a ball of fire with a long tail, shot across the sky. I drew my brother's attention to this, and we both watched it dive to the ground at an angle of 25 to 30 degrees. We waited for a thud, but there was no sound.

"The direction from this town was S.S.E., and from its speed, which was not apparently abnormally high (about 300 m.p.h.), we at first thought it must be a jet aircraft on fire and about to crash. But there was absolutely no sound as it disappeared behind the fells in the Scorton-Abbeystead direction.

"It was not a meteor, for I have observed many of these in the night sky in these parts, and, in any case, its large size and slow speed would preclude this.

#### Fiery tail

"Two other points may be of interest. Just before disappearing below the horizon, the ball of fire flared up slightly, but still retained its fiery tail, while the shape changed from a ball of flame to an oval. The time of this occurrence was 7.20 p.m., by my brother's watch.

"I wonder how many of your readers saw this phenomenon? Frankly, I am puzzled, for I have never seen anything like this before."

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"Sunday Times," London, 23rd September, 1956.

#### 80FT. FLYING SAUCER SIGHTED

A "flying saucer" was sighted both visually and by radar over Manby, Lincs, yesterday afternoon. The object was at 54,000 ft. and remained apparently stationary for about an hour, though there was a wind of more than 40 m.p.h. at that height. Meteorologists reported it as having a diameter of 80 ft.

Two fighter aircraft were sent up to investigate. When they arrived at the point where the object had been seen they found nothing, nor could it any longer be seen from the ground.

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